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'A SPANKING, NOT A BEATING'

Allied Warplanes Hit Iraqi Missile Sites

International Herald Tribune

More than 100 U.S., British and French aircraft attacked missile launchers and related targets in southern Iraq on Wednesday night...

to remove missiles in the no-flight zone south of the 32d parallel that were considered a threat to allied aircraft...

carrying weapons inspectors, and, according to coalition forces, has repeatedly violated the no-flight zone...

Mr. Clinton's spokesman, asked Wednesday if the president-elect would continue the warning policy after his inauguration on Jan. 20...

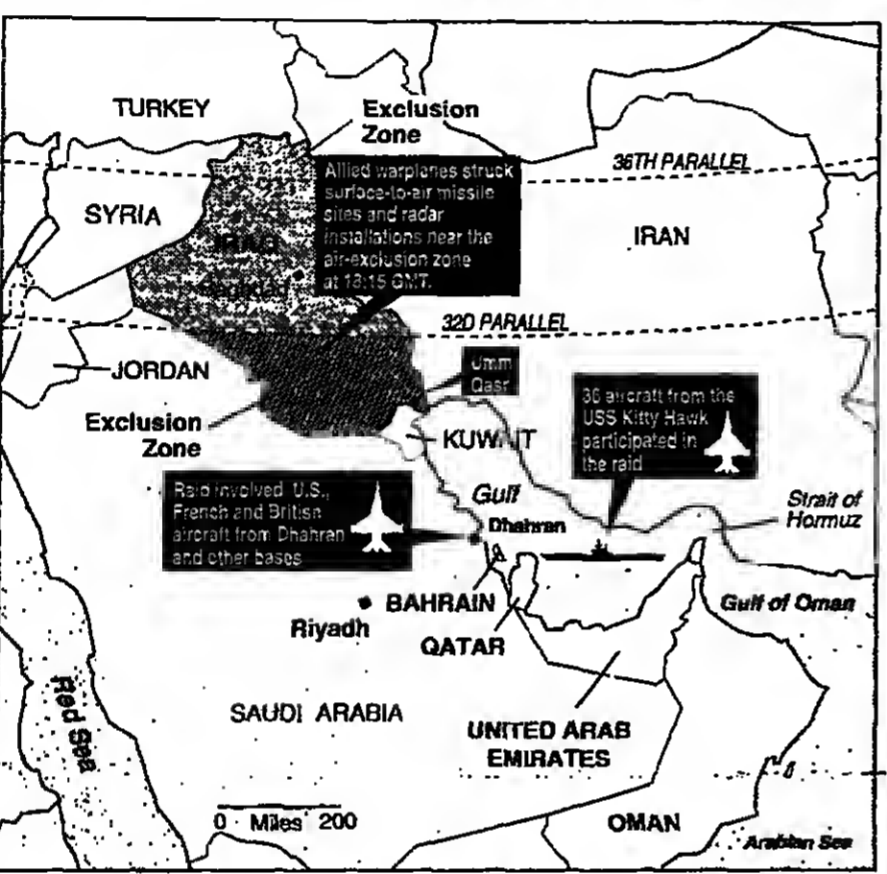
led coalition's air strikes on Iraq began, on Jan. 17, 1991. Those strikes launched the UN-sanctioned effort to drive Iraqi forces from Kuwait...

It also came as Mr. Bush entered the final week of his presidency. A Bush administration official told NBC television that the raid consisted of "very limited air strikes."

Punitive Raid Pinpoints Launchers And Radars

By Joseph Fitchett

PARIS — The U.S.-led air strike against Iraq on Wednesday was a carefully tailored punitive raid against missile launchers and radar stations posing a threat to allied planes in the no-flight zone in southern Iraq...



Saddam Hussein, in a photo from Iraqi TV, right, with colleagues on Wednesday.



Karen Sabin/Agence France-Press

Bonn Coalition Agrees on Forces Abroad

By Craig Whitney

BONN — Chancellor Helmut Kohl's coalition parties agreed Wednesday on a draft amendment to the 1949 constitution that for the first time would let German troops take part in international peacekeeping operations...

stage, the government parties agreed to try to end a long political impasse that has prevented German participation in foreign military missions...

But whether the opposition Social Democrats would agree to the constitutional change, as they would have to do for the amendment to pass, was not clear.

Post-Chernobyl Power Critics Fear a Disaster in Buildup

By Fred Hiatt

MOSCOW — The Russian government has approved an ambitious program of nuclear power plant construction, coding a moratorium inspired by the 1986 Chernobyl disaster that sent radioactivity spewing across Europe...

Yevgeni Reshetnikov, deputy minister for atomic energy, said in an interview that the design had been improved to prevent a similar accident, but Western experts here maintained that the inherent dangers of a Chernobyl-type plant could not be eliminated.

Kiosk

Israel Lists More Deportee Errors JERUSALEM (NYT) — Israel said Wednesday night that it had made even more mistakes than initially thought in choosing the more than 400 Palestinians who were deported to Lebanon last month from the occupied territories...

Table with financial news: Dow Jones, Trib Index, The Dollar, Pound, Yen, FF.



Honecker, Released from Prison, Flies to Exile in Chile Erich Honecker, the former East German leader, on a plane to Frankfurt, the first leg of his flight to Chile. A majority of Germans — East and West — are opposed to the court's decision to end his manslaughter trial. Page 2.

In Modern Money Markets, Movement Is the Message

By Erik Ipsen

LONDON — The currency market, the world's largest financial market and arguably its least visible one, is dominated today not by the courtly central bankers and stately industrialists of yore but by rafts of faceless money managers operating from computer-clogged trading rooms in cities around the globe...

With billions to invest, he explains, money people seek the highest earning investments while fearing all the while that if they fail — if their performance, which is tracked quarterly, sinks below par — they will be dismissed. There is also what is called the "prudent man" rule, which in the United States legally binds fund managers to maximize returns for investors.

Getting a Grip on Flicks: The Viewers Call the Shots

By William Grimes

NEW YORK — On screen, the moment of truth has arrived. In a taut little thriller called "I'm Your Man," the cloddish Jack Beamer has, through a series of mishaps, become the target of a murderous corporate renegade who has him trapped on the roof of a Manhattan building...

are electronically tallied, and Jack, after momentarily deliberating, responds to the will of the people. The audience whoops with delight.

For decades, films and television have transmitted their messages to audiences. Now audiences are discovering the novel sensation of transmitting back. "I'm Your Man," which opened Dec. 18, is the first theatrical showing of a live-action interactive film.

decisions, the filmmakers. Controlled Entropy Entertainment, had to generate about 90 minutes worth of film, the current limit on laser disk storage capacity, with about 68 different scene variations.

# 120 Nations Sign On for Ban on Chemical Weapons

By Alan Riding  
New York Times Service

PARIS — In what has been hailed as the first attempt to eliminate an entire category of weapons of mass destruction, more than 120 nations, including the United States and Russia, began signing an agreement Wednesday to ban the production, stockpiling and use of chemical weapons.

Most countries thought to possess chemical weapons have agreed to sign the agreement. Some Arab countries decided to withhold adherence to the treaty to protest Israel's refusal to accept the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty of 1967.

Since then, UN Security Council resolutions have forced Iraq to begin destroying its chemical weapons stockpiles under international supervision. No Iraqi delegation was present at Wednesday's ceremony and Baghdad has given no indication whether it will later accept the treaty.

So many Middle East countries were absent, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Mauritania and Iran were signing the treaty. And Libya, Jordan, Yemen, Kuwait and Oman have now indicated they will do so this week.



Two Marines patrolling the rubble-strewn green line district of Mogadishu on Wednesday following some casualties by sniper fire.

## A U.S. Marine Is Killed in Mogadishu

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

MOGADISHU — A Somali gunman shot and wounded a U.S. Navy medic on Wednesday hours after sniper fire killed a U.S. Marine.

U.S. troops went on high alert Wednesday after the Marine was killed in an ambush of a night patrol near Mogadishu airport. He was the first foreign soldier to be shot and killed since the start of the U.S.-led Operation Restore Hope on Dec. 9.

More than 22,500 U.S. military personnel, including those aboard ships offshore, are involved in the Somali aid mission. About 10,000 U.S. Marines are in Mogadishu. In all, 33,000 troops from 21 countries are in Somalia.

## Saddam's Defiance Precipitated Raids

By Youssef M. Ibrahim  
New York Times Service

CAIRO — The air raids over Iraq by allied forces were preceded by bold and defiant acts ordered by Baghdad as Iraqi salvage crews crossed Kuwait's borders for the fourth day in a row and Iraq revived its claim of being the rightful owner of the tiny emirate.

These steps followed a stream of other defiant acts, including the reported deployment of surface-to-air missiles in regions where they threatened allied flights over northern and southern Iraq and the refusal to allow United Nations inspectors to fly to Baghdad in UN aircraft.

Describing Kuwait as "an integral part of Iraq," a senior Iraqi official, Abdel Jabbar Muhsein, President Saddam Hussein's spokesman, vowed in an editorial published Wednesday morning that "Kuwait shall return to Iraq in defiance of the Security Council and America."

The official, Abdel Latif Kabajji, said between 50 and 60 Iraqi units under contract with the Iraqi government "were continuing to remove again all their property from south of the border in the Kuwaiti side of the demilitarized zone."

## U.S. Says Iraqis Fired Missile at American Plane

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

WASHINGTON — An Iraqi MiG-23 fired a heat-seeking missile at a U.S. Navy plane on Dec. 27, U.S. officials say.

## North Sea Oil Rig Evacuated

The Associated Press

OSLO (AP) — Helicopters evacuated 42 people from a North Sea oil rig Wednesday after a fire broke out in its machine room, rescue officials said.

## RAID: Missiles Targeted

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mainly F-15s but also carrier-based F-18s.

## Buttons: Interactive Film Audiences Help Thicken the Plots

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movie. The pleasure lies in triggering different plot variations in repeated viewings — for a \$3 ticket, audiences can stay as long as they like. In addition, they are encouraged to yell a lot in an attempt to sway votes. Agitated viewers sometimes run frantically to empty seats, pressing extra buttons.

## WORLD BRIEFS

### Palestinians to Boycott Peace Talks

JERUSALEM (AP) — The Palestinian delegation to Middle East peace talks announced Wednesday it would boycott negotiations until the 415 Palestinians expelled by Israel were permitted to return.

### Conservatives Ally for French Ballot

PARIS (Reuters) — France's two main conservative parties agreed to join forces in most constituencies for parliamentary elections in March, in which they are favored to remove the governing Socialists from power, politicians said Wednesday.

### Felber, Swiss Leader, to Step Down

BERN (AP) — René Felber, who as president led a failed attempt to win popular approval for Switzerland's joining a huge European market, said Wednesday he would resign as foreign minister in March.

### Fighting Spreads to Angola's South

LUANDA, Angola (Reuters) — War has broken out on another front in Angola, with government forces and UNITA rebels battling on Wednesday for the southeastern provincial capital of Menongue a day after they hit oil wells in the north, government reports said.

### Tokyo Presses Review of Troop Issue

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's governing party said Wednesday that it would propose creating a parliamentary panel to review Japan's constitution, the focus of angry debate over the use of force overseas.

### Aristide Asks UN to Help Cut Exodus

MIAMI (NYT) — In a bid to forestall a huge new outflow of refugees, the Reverend Jean-Bertrand Aristide, Haiti's deposed president, formally requested the United Nations on Wednesday to deploy a large observer team in his nation as the first step in international diplomatic efforts aimed at restoring him to office.

### Don't Blame Us, Keating Tells U.K.

CANBERRA (Reuters) — Prime Minister Paul Keating angrily attacked Britain on Wednesday over its World War II strategy, joining a national outcry over allegations of Australian wartime cowardice.

### Correction

An article in the Leisure pages of Jan. 8 inaccurately reported the site of the Arab League's headquarters. They were moved back to Cairo in 1990 after 10 years in Tunis.

## TRAVEL UPDATE

More than 100 closed-circuit video cameras will be installed at the Kuala Lumpur international airport to improve security after two major fires, the chief of airport security, Mahat Samah, said Wednesday. New metal detectors and X-ray machines also are being installed.

## Honecker Leaves For Exile in Chile

### Polls Find Germans Opposed

By Marc Fisher  
Washington Post Service

BERLIN — Erich Honecker's three-year odyssey from omnipotent leader of Communist East Germany to outlaw symbol of oppression ended Wednesday with his release from a Berlin jail and flew to join his wife in exile in Chile.

A Communist street fighter from age 10, Mr. Honecker — architect of the Berlin Wall — won his freedom when two courts ruled he was too ill to stand trial for manslaughter and breach of trust.

## GERMANY: Accord on Troops

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ment that would require advance approval by parliament before German troops could be sent anywhere.

Both Mr. Kinkel and Mr. Kohl have made clear that even if the constitution is changed, they would not send German troops to Bosnia-Herzegovina or other Balkan states where the United Nations already has peacekeeping forces, because of memories of Nazi aggression there during World War II.

Mr. Kinkel warned on Monday that unless the impasse was resolved quickly, German credibility would be endangered. Several diplomats said he was particularly concerned about the status of German crew members on the NATO Airborne Warning and Control System planes that monitor Serbian air traffic.

If the UN Security Council decided on military measures to enforce the no-flight zone over Serbia, Mr. Kinkel believes that the constitution would require Germans to pull out of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's AWACS missions.

"The German armed forces would be severely embarrassed if that happened," an allied military officer said.

Mr. Kohl has offered to send up to 1,500 German troops to Somalia to help distribute food and other aid, but only after U.S. Marines and other forces there have completely pacified the country.

Other constitutional provisions bar wars of aggression but allow Germany to join collective security arrangements to "secure a peaceful and lasting order in Europe and among the nations of the world."

## Serb Stakes Job on Peace Plan

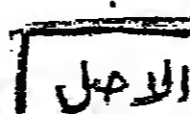
Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

GENEVA — Radovan Karadzic, the leader of the Bosnian Serbs, predicted on Wednesday that Serbian deputies would approve a new constitution for Bosnia-Herzegovina, but he said he expected a tough battle over the plan.

Mr. Karadzic agreed to the plan, which would create a sovereign Bosnia divided into 10 autonomous provinces, under pressure from his Serbian backers, including President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia.

No. 3 Serbian leader, said hours after Mr. Karadzic's agreement that the deputies would reject it.

Mr. Karadzic replied: "I also have some anxiety about that but I do believe I will get a majority. I'm sure I will not have a unanimous decision of our parliament, that's what shows the reaction of Mrs. Plavsic."



# TRANSITION / SHOULDER TO SHOULDER

## ★ POLITICAL NOTES ★

### Brown Gala Canceled Over Ethics Questions

WASHINGTON — A lavish inaugural gala honoring Commerce Secretary-designate Ronald H. Brown was canceled on Wednesday after reports that corporations were helping to pay for the affair, raising questions of propriety.

A statement from the Democratic National Committee said the event had been planned before anyone — "not the planners, not the sponsors, not chairman Ron Brown — knew he would be secretary of commerce." The announcement said the event had been planned to "honor Mr. Brown's success as Democratic Party chairman."

I. C. Pease, Adhesives-Busch, PepsiCo, Textron and Sony Music Entertainment were among the corporations helping to stage the gala, "Friends of Ron Brown," which was to have been held Sunday night at the Kennedy Center.

A Democratic Party spokeswoman, Ginny Tezanos, said the companies "were asked to help and they were willing to help to pay the overhead costs" for the party.

According to published reports, corporate sponsors were paying \$10,000 apiece to finance the event.

As head of the Commerce Department, Mr. Brown could play a major role in developing Clinton administration policies regarding business regulation and trade.

Mr. Brown said at his confirmation hearing last week that his representation as a lawyer-lobbyist for Japanese electronics companies and Haiti's former Duvalier dictatorship did not pose any conflict that would disqualify him for a cabinet post. But Republican senators questioned his business ties.

One Democrat familiar with the planning of the gala said the idea had come primarily from two Democratic National Committee members, Don Fowler of South Carolina and Ann Campbell of New Jersey. (AP)

### Lifting of Military's Gay Ban, but Quietly

WASHINGTON — Senior aides to President-elect Bill Clinton, who is under pressure from the military to back off his commitment to lift the ban on homosexuals in the armed services, have been floating a plan to do so without a presidential order.

Under the proposal, Mr. Clinton would issue written instructions to his defense secretary-designate, Representative Les Aspin, directing him to remove the ban and drop any current cases against suspected homosexuals in the military. Recruits would no longer be asked about their sexual orientation.

It is not clear what practical difference it would make to have the directive issued by the defense secretary instead of the president. But gay rights advocates consulted on the plan have reacted with outrage, contending that the proposal would weaken the pledge Mr. Clinton repeated throughout his campaign. President George Bush said he would lift the ban.

These advocates say that only an executive order, akin to President Harry S. Truman's order in 1948 that integrated the military, can send the message needed to convince the military of Mr. Clinton's resolve. (NYT)

### Conservative Republicans Rally for a Fight

WASHINGTON — Leaders of the conservative wing of the Republican Party have created an organization to be their intellectual and power base during the coming battle to define the party and the political right.

Vin Weber, a former congressman from Minnesota, will be president of the group, Empower America, which will be a combination think tank-advocacy organization. The group will have three paragon figures of conservatism as founding directors: Jack F. Kemp, the outgoing housing and urban development secretary; William J. Bennett, a former education secretary; and Jeanne J. Kirkpatrick, a former United Nations ambassador.

Mr. Kemp and Mr. Bennett are considered possible candidates for the 1996 Republican presidential nomination.

Empower America will attempt to bridge the fissure in the Republican Party between the Christian evangelicals, led by the Reverend Pat Robertson and the Christian Coalition, and a moderate wing that includes many supporters of abortion rights, some of whom recently formed a group called the Republican Majority Coalition. (WFP)

### Journalist Set to Direct East European Aid

WASHINGTON — Strobe Talbott, a Time magazine columnist, appears set to be the administrator for aid to Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union in the Clinton administration.

The new post will be created to pull together and coordinate disparate aid efforts, which critics say have been undermined by bureaucratic muddles and lack of follow-through, under various laws, including the 1992 Freedom Support Act. Mr. Talbott's closeness to President-elect Bill Clinton — they were roommates at Oxford — is seen as a valuable asset for a job that will cut across several departments. (WFP)

### Quote-Unquote:

On the scramble in Congress for tickets to inaugural events, Peggy Whitte, press secretary for Senator Charles S. Robb, Democrat of Virginia: "It's dog-eat-dog, every member for himself." (WFP)

# Christopher Backs Force in Iraq, and Maybe on Serbs

Secretary of State-designate Warren M. Christopher on Wednesday backed the use of force against Iraq and promised a tougher U.S. policy to halt Serbian aggression in the war in the former Yugoslavia.

In his confirmation hearing, Mr. Christopher told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that President-elect Bill Clinton stood shoulder-to-shoulder with President George Bush in his showdown with the Iraqi president, Saddam Hussein.

Departing from a prepared statement, Mr. Christopher said: "I say with great determination that Saddam Hussein should not doubt for a second that we, the incoming administration, will meet that test."

"President Clinton will insist on the unconditional compliance with UN resolutions."

Mr. Christopher also said Mr. Clinton would push for more effective international action, possibly including force, to compel Serbia to halt the war in the former Yugoslavia.

"I can assure you that this administration will vigorously pursue concerted action with our European allies and international bodies to end the slaughter in Bosnia," he said.

"Europe and the world community in general," he added, "must bring real pressures, economic and military, to bear on the Serbian leadership to halt its savage policy of ethnic cleansing."

Outlining his general philosophy in the conduct of world affairs, Mr. Christopher said that the "discreet and careful use of force in certain circumstances — and its credible threat in general — will be essential to the success of our diplomacy and foreign policy."

Mr. Christopher, 67, was President Jimmy Carter's

deputy secretary of state from 1977 to 1980. Since then, he has headed a major law firm in Los Angeles.

He has the reputation of being a cautious and secretive man who believes in the power of diplomacy to achieve results. He played a key role in negotiating the release of U.S. diplomats held hostages by Iran from 1979 to 1981.

During the hearing, Mr. Christopher denied reports that as a deputy attorney general in the 1960s he was aware of surveillance by military intelligence agents of anti-Vietnam War protesters.

"I had no knowledge of the kinds of covert surveillance and infiltration that came to light after I came to office," he said.

Mr. Christopher promised continuity with the Bush administration in several areas, including the Middle East peace process, ratification and implementation of

arms control agreements with Russia and policy toward Iraq.

But he also indicated some possible changes. On China, Mr. Christopher said the United States could not ignore continued reports that Beijing was exporting sensitive military equipment and abusing human rights.

A major theme of the statement was the need to work harder to prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

Mr. Christopher also said the Clinton administration would work with its partners in the Group of Seven industrialized nations to increase support for economic restructuring in Russia, provided that Russia continued to move toward a free-market economy.

He also promised to devote more attention to Japan and maintain an economic embargo on Cuba.



LEAVING THE STAGE — Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney, after he delivered a farewell address at Fort Meyers, Virginia.

## Save Freedonia? Enlist New Lawmakers

By Howard Kurtz

WASHINGTON — You're a freshman member of Congress. You're doing a live radio interview by phone. A New York talk-show host tosses you a curveball:

"What should we be doing to stop the ethnic cleansing in Freedonia?"

Normal person's response: "Freedonia? Isn't that the fictional country in the Marx Brothers film 'Duck Soup'? Who the heck is this, anyway?" It was, in fact, a bear perpetrated by Spy magazine.

Representative's response: Sound sage and measured at all times.

Nick Smith, Republican of Michigan, stepped right up to the plate: "My impression, Henry, is that we've got to be very careful, that moving through the United Nations effort has a great deal of merit right now."

James M. Talent, Republican of Missouri: "I think anything we can do to use the good offices of the U.S. government to assist stopping the killing over there, we should do."

Corinne Brown, Democrat of Florida: "I think all of those situations are very, very sad, and I just think we need to take action to assist the people."

Steve Buyer, Republican of Indiana:

"Yeah, it's a different situation than the Middle East."

Jay Inslee, Democrat of Washington, offered a state-of-the-art, all-purpose response: "I have to be honest with you, I don't know. I'm not familiar with that proposal, um, but it's coming to the point now that a blind eye to it for the next 10 years is not the answer."

Later, Representative Inslee said: "I thought the interview was strange. I remember thinking, 'Why in heck would a radio station want to talk to someone from Selah, Washington? I guess Spy got me.'"

Mr. Inslee said he thought the interviewer was talking about Bosnia. "If anyone had said Freedonia I would've remembered that, because I'm a big Groucho fan," he said. But he added: "I don't want to disparage Spy's impetuous record of accuracy."

Mr. Talent, the newscaster from Missouri, proved he has a bright political future when the bogus "Henry Rose Show" asked whether he is a dog or cat person:

"Basically a dog person," he said. "I certainly, though, wouldn't want to offend my constituents who are cat people, and I should say that being, I hope, a sensitive person, that I have nothing against cats, and had cats when I was a boy, and if we didn't have the

two dogs, might very well be interested in having a cat now."

Mr. Smith said he thought the interviewer was talking about Somalia. "I don't even know Spy magazine," he said. "It wouldn't surprise me that people could name a lot of countries I'd never heard of."

As if the radio stunt wasn't enough, Spy also had someone pose as a "Donahue" producer and ask Capitol Hill aides why their members would make good guests for the television show.

Frank Guerra, an aide to Representative Henry Bonilla, Republican of Texas, said of his boss: "Quite honestly, he will look different. He's a, you know, minority." He added: "He is an oddity, to be honest — he has a physical presence, an animal quality."

Mr. Guerra said later that Spy "got it wrong."

"I never said he had an animal quality. I may have said an animated quality."

He said he was simply explaining that Mr. Bonilla "comes from a television background and has a good television presence."

Spy's editor, Kurt Andersen, was unrepentant: "Freshmen are freshmen," he said. "They deserve harassing and hazing. This will toughen them up and build their character early."

## Senate POW Report: More Fuel for the Unending Debate

By Clifford Krauss

WASHINGTON — No issue has been more enduring or painful over the last three decades than the fate of thousands of unaccounted-for U.S. servicemen taken prisoner or missing during the Vietnam War. But after 17 months of hearings, the largest investigation of government documents in history, and search missions throughout Asia, a special Senate panel re-

leased a report Wednesday that may only succeed in dropping kindling on the embers.

The Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs was organized

17 months ago to put the controversy to rest.

The panel offered comfort and information to scores of families about their loved ones. It succeeded

in pushing Vietnam to improve its cooperation in accounting for the missing. And it helped publicize the operations of fraudulent merchants faking evidence to capitalize on the hopes of relatives of the 2,265 Americans whose fates have not been conclusively determined since the Vietnam War.

But the committee report's basic conclusion differs little from what the official government position has been for some years: "We acknowledge that there is no proof that U.S. POWs survived, but neither is there proof that all of those who did not return had died."

But while it found "no compelling evidence" that missing American servicemen are still alive in Indochina, it reported that there is evidence "that indicates the possibility of survival, at least for a small number" of servicemen after the 1973 prisoner release following the Paris peace talks.

The report is perhaps most provocative in disclosing that American intelligence and military officials had hoped that about 40 imprisoned servicemen would be released in 1973, but instead only 12 were returned.

"These reports were taken seriously enough at the time to prompt recommendations by some officials for military action aimed at gaining the release of the additional prisoners thought to be held."

The committee criticized Washington's handling of intelligence information and inadequate disclosure of information to family members over the years, but it strenuously denied that any deliberate cover-up took place.

It revealed that the Reagan administration even secretly funneled donations from POW-MIA groups to supply and arm anti-Communist Laotian rebels, an operation unauthorized by Congress that Senator Charles E. Grassley, Republican of Iowa, wants referred to the Justice Department for investigation.

The debate about the prisoners of war and the missing in action has been a saga of alleged government cover-ups, lurid stories of Americans kept in cages, and charlatans doctoring photographs to make cruel profits from grieving families. The inconclusive report released Wednesday becomes one more chapter in a controversy that may never be entirely settled.

### Away From Politics

Endeavour hurtled into space with five astronauts on the first of eight missions planned for this year. The main goal of the six-day shuttle mission was the release of a two-and-a-half-ton satellite, similar to four others in orbit, that allow astronauts to communicate almost continuously with Mission Control. They also link scientific satellites, such as the Hubble Space Telescope, with the ground.

Felix Bloch, the diplomat dismissed for handling a bribe case to a Soviet agent in 1989, has been charged with shoplifting \$100 worth of groceries from a store in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, where he worked as a cashier.

Toby Tims Wade was arrested on charges that he stabbed and killed a waiter in a California restaurant after he was asked to put out the cigarette he was smoking. Mr. Tims, 30, was being held in Sacramento County Jail on one count of murder.

The man who underwent the second baboon-to-human liver transplant remained groggy from anesthesia after the operation in Pittsburgh. His doctor said he was satisfied with the progress of the 62-year-old patient. "I would say that his course so far isn't any different from human liver transplants," Dr. John Fung said.

All 29 members of Texas Southern University's marching band caught shoplifting \$22,000 worth of electronics on a trip to Tokyo have been suspended for an indefinite period or placed on probation.

A CIA employee fired after acknowledging he was homosexual in 1982 lost an 11-year fight to reclaim his job. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia rejected the claim of the man known only as "John Doe," holding that, among other things, he had failed to prove the CIA had a policy against employing homosexuals.

A \$5-million balloon whose American and Russian crew hoped to be the first aerostats to circle the globe nonstop crashed on a mountainside near Reno, Nevada, minutes after it left the ground. The commander of the huge Earthwinds balloon, Larry Newman, and his crew, Major General Vladimir A. Dzhambikov, commander of Russian astronaut training, and Don Moses, a Hawaii builder, escaped injury. But the balloon was wrecked.

A U.S. grand jury refused to indict Senator Charles S. Robb of Virginia on charges that he tried to embarrass his chief political rival, Governor L. Douglas Wilder, by conspiring with aides to release a secretly recorded tape of one of Mr. Wilder's private phone calls.

## High Court Backs Foes of Abortion

### 5-4 Ruling Limits Federal Intervention at Clinic Protests

By Joan Biskupic

WASHINGTON — In a decision that gives a vote of confidence to the anti-abortion movement, the Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that a federal civil rights law cannot be used to stop abortion protesters from blocking clinics.

The 6-to-3 decision, which said "there are common and respectable reasons for opposing" abortion, held that women who seek abortions are not a class to be protected by federal law, such as blacks became in the Reconstruction era.

The resolution of Bray v. Alexandria Women's Health Clinic, twice argued before the justices, means that a patchwork of state laws and local resources will be responsible for handling the tactics of Operation Rescue, an anti-abortion group.

Abortion rights groups assert that it might be harder to get an abortion because local police often have trouble breaking up Operation Rescue protests.

The court's opinion, written by Justice Antonin Scalia, comes seven months after the court narrowly affirmed the constitutional right to abortion but raised questions on how far it would go to protect women trying to exercise that right.

There are an estimated 1.6 million abortions performed in the United States each year. Supporters of abortion are

counting on President-elect Bill Clinton and the new Congress to try to win back abortion guarantees trimmed back by Supreme Court rulings and federal lawmaking over the past two decades.

While the court's ruling opens the door to congressional action, it also suggests a role for the executive branch. Justice Anthony M. Kennedy noted that if state and local governments cannot protect property and people in the face of anti-abortion protesters, they can seek help from the U.S. attorney general, who could order federal marshals to a site.

Justice Kennedy was among three justices who were key to preserving the right to abortion last summer. They went their separate ways on Wednesday. Justice David H. Souter signed onto the judgment, as Justice Kennedy did, but dissented in part. Justice Sandra Day O'Connor fully dissented, saying the law should protect women seeking an abortion.

At the heart of the high court dispute is an 1871 statute, popularly known as the "Ku Klux Klan law," that was intended to protect blacks from mob violence.

The law prohibits conspiracies to deprive "any person or class of persons of the equal protection of the laws" but can only be invoked by a showing that the antagonist had a racial or other "class-based animus" and sought to deprive the victim of a right "protected against

private, as well as official, encroachment."

The Washington-area clinics that brought the case said Operation Rescue was showing an "animus" against women because only women can have abortions. They also argued that the women's right to interstate travel was breached.

Both a federal district court and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit ruled that women seeking abortions could use the 1871 statute and that the protesters had illegally interfered with the women's right to interstate travel.

The district court had found that substantial numbers of women traveled from Maryland and the District of Columbia to obtain abortions in Alexandria, Virginia, where the lawsuit began.

Justice Scalia rejected both reasonings. He was joined by Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justices Kennedy, Byron R. White, Clarence Thomas, and, in most part, Justice Souter. Dissenting were Justices O'Connor, Harry A. Blackmun and John Paul Stevens.

Justice Scalia said that the Operation Rescue protests were not specifically aimed at women as a class, but at any man or woman who would be involved in abortion.

"Whatever one thinks of abortion, it cannot be denied that there are common and respectable reasons for opposing it, other than hatred or of condescension toward... women as a class."

## Iran Hostage Panel Sees No Reagan Deal

### Many Retractions Are Cited

By Neil A. Lewis

WASHINGTON — A bipartisan House panel has concluded that there is no merit to the persistent accusations that people associated with the 1980 presidential campaign of Ronald Reagan struck a secret deal with Iran to delay the release of American hostages until after the election.

"There is no credible evidence supporting any attempt or proposal to attempt by the Reagan presidential campaign, or persons representing or associated with the campaign to delay the release of the American hostages in Iran," the panel concluded in a summary of its report.

The summary, distributed Tuesday, describes the report as "the most thorough and complete investigation and analysis of the October Surprise allegations to date."

More than 230 people were interviewed in several countries by 10 lawyers and six investigators working for the House October Surprise Task Force.

The Reagan campaign, the report said, was fearful that President Jimmy Carter would arrange a last-minute agreement to free the 52 hostages in the final month of the election campaign, or that he would spring an October Surprise. The phrase became a catchall term to describe the entire episode, including the accusations that some of Mr. Reagan's aides worked to delay the hostages' release to deny Mr. Carter the benefit of the publicity.

In essence, the investigation concluded that the stories of Reagan campaign operatives working secretly with the Iranians to delay the hostages' release were spread by people whose testimony does not hold up against credible documentary evidence, including telephone, hotel and credit card records as well as raw intelligence reports.

In addition, one of the principal sources for many of the news reports, Jamshid Hashemi, an Iranian arms dealer, has retracted his story. Mr. Hashemi, the report said, told House investigators under oath that he had no knowledge of any efforts to delay the release of the hostages.

The findings of the \$1.35-million investigation were similar to those of a far less ambitious inquiry undertaken by a Senate committee last year. In that report, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said some members of the Reagan campaign team came close to committing improprieties in seeking information as private citizens about the hostages. But the Senate committee similarly concluded that there was no plan to ask Iran to delay the hostages' release.

The House panel said it undertook its inquiry because the accusations, if they had been true, "would be wholly beyond the wildest excesses in our constitutional history." It said the notion that "leaders of one of our two principal parties would attempt to steal a presidential election by seeking to prolong the incarceration of fellow American citizens by foreign terrorists is little short of treachery."

The hostages were ultimately freed by Iran on Jan. 20, 1981, the day that Mr. Reagan was sworn in as president. The theory of the arranged delay attracted heightened public interest in April 1991, when Gary Sick, a national security aide in the Carter White House, wrote an article for the Op-Ed page in

the New York Times saying he had concluded that the accusations were true.

Under the theory, in exchange for the delay, aides of Mr. Reagan arranged for the subsequent shipment of arms to Tehran through Israel. Mr. Sick and several journalists reported that William J. Casey, the Reagan campaign chairman, met with representatives of Iran in the summer before the election in Madrid to discuss the delay and consummated the deal that fell in Paris. Mr. Casey, who later became director of central intelligence, died in 1987.

The summary said the panel had obtained original records from the Madrid hotel where meetings between Mr. Casey were said to have occurred, as well as telephone records and credit card receipts.

"With respect to the alleged meetings in Madrid, the task force found that the evidence allegedly supporting each of these meetings was neither from credible sources nor corroborated," the report concluded. Of the five individuals who have been cited in news reports as knowing about the Madrid meetings, the report said, three had testified under oath that they had no knowledge of them.

Many who said the meetings had occurred have theorized that Mr. Casey could have taken a secret side trip to Madrid in July 1980, when he was in London for a meeting with historians of espionage in World War II.

The panel said overwhelming evidence showed that Mr. Casey did not travel to Madrid at that time. The summary does not contain the hundreds of pages of documents that support that assertion. They will be released Wednesday. Nor did the summary make clear why people who disowned their stories are more believable now than they were when they initially made their accusations.

The summary of the report harshly criticizes another principal source of many of the allegations, an Israeli named Ari Ben-Menashe. Mr. Ben-Menashe has told several reporters that he was present at a meeting in October 1980 in Paris between Iranian representatives and people from the Reagan campaign. Mr. Ben-Menashe has suggested at various times that George Bush, who was the Republican candidate for vice president at the time, was at the Paris meeting.

The panel said it had conclusive evidence that Mr. Ben-Menashe was not in Paris at that period.

## Raids Prompt No Israeli Moves

JERUSALEM — Israel is following the allied raids on Iraq, but is not taking special civil defense measures against a possible Iraqi attack on the country, Israeli radio said Wednesday.

The United States and its Western allies launched air raids against Iraq on Wednesday in retaliation for repeated cease-fire violations, administration officials said.

"The army and the security administration are following the events in Iraq but say the matter does not relate to us directly and our interest is especially in what such an attack can cause in terms of the Iraq response," the radio said. Iraq fired Scud missiles against Israel during the Gulf War in 1991.

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## Watch This Shadow Play

The first task of a political opposition is not to oppose. It is to get its own act together so that when it does oppose, it has something worthwhile to say.

So one must welcome the announcement by Jack Kemp: the former drug policy chief William Bennett; Representative Vin Weber; and former UN Ambassador Jean Kirkpatrick of a new organization, "Empower America." Mr. Bennett summed up the group's goals as "to cogitate and to agitate" on behalf of its brand of conservatism. Mr. Kemp said the group hopes to serve as a "shadow government."

Some of Mr. Kemp's potential rivals for the 1996 Republican nomination can be forgiven for suspecting that the new organization has less to do with shadows than with the reality of the outgoing housing secretary's ambitions. But Governor William Weld of Massachusetts, another potential presidential candidate, may have relieved those fears somewhat by joining the new group, and Mr. Bennett has never been shy about his own aspirations.

In any event, Mr. Kemp's personal hopes should not overshadow what is most

important about the group: It represents a brand of conservatism that is intellectually vigorous, sensitive to the moral imperative of opposing racism, and committed to internationalism in foreign affairs. The group's organizers also suggested that they will not shrink from criticizing failures in their own camp. Referring to his personal crusade on behalf of inner cities, Mr. Kemp said that "the right defaulted on coming up with solutions." Bingo.

"The problem we've had in the last four years," added Mr. Weber, "is no intellectual leadership and no intellectual curiosity on the part of the leadership of the Republican Party." As they say in the 12-step programs, the first requirement for solving a problem is to recognize it.

Make no mistake about it: These are not Republicans trying to pull their party to the left, or even to the center. But even critics of the right recognize the value of a cerebrally invigorated conservatism, and on some important questions this group is likely to have a good effect on the Republican Party.

—THE WASHINGTON POST.

## Awaiting Brown's Reply

Wake-up calls come from unexpected sources, and sometimes they can rock the sleep of ages. Consider the case of Senator Trent Lott, the Mississippi Republican whose somnolent interrogation of Ron Brown last Wednesday took Southern hospitality to new levels of languidity.

Now a few solid questions have entered Mr. Lott's mind about potential conflicts of interest between Mr. Brown's work at the law and lobbying firm of Patton, Boggs & Blow and the new duties he wants to assume on Jan. 20 as secretary of commerce.

A larger question is whether Mr. Lott can now wake the slumbering Senate. His inquiries, in a letter to Mr. Brown last Friday, have to do with the very limited promise of recusal that Mr. Brown has proposed. The senator writes that, in confidential documents submitted to the Commerce Committee, Mr. Brown listed only six clients represented in 10 years at the law firm.

"Did you not participate as a member of the firm in providing services to any other clients," Mr. Lott asks, and "if so, what representations were made by you or the firm regarding your future involvement with those clients or their interests?"

Mr. Lott has asked precisely the right questions, and without answers the Senate cannot confidently vote to confirm. But those questions do not go far enough. At a time when trade with Japanese and other competitors is a pressing political and economic issue, the Senate has an obligation to obtain the full list of Mr. Brown's clients, and the public has a right to look at it.

There is healthy precedent for such disclosure. When Carla Hills became U.S. trade representative, she publicly identified three clients she had personally represented in matters relating to her new post and recused herself from dealing with them for the entirety of her term and with her law firm's clients for a year.

It may be that Mr. Brown will feel duty bound not to identify his foreign and corporate clients. If so, his clients' rights must be respected. But the Senate and the public have an even stronger interest in full disclosure. If he cannot comply, it may be that this is not the right job for Mr. Brown.

Mr. Lott also requested more information about the \$1 million farewell payment coming to Mr. Brown from Patton, Boggs & Blow under his partnership agreement with the firm. Despite the handsome handshake, Mr. Brown proposes to recuse himself for only one year from issues he handled recently for specified clients of the firm and not to recuse himself at all from

dealing with other Patton, Boggs clients. It is the curtain of uncertainty that Mr. Brown has raised with his narrow, limited recusal policy that Senator Lott is trying with his questions to part. Mr. Lott requests a copy of the partnership agreement and more information about the amount and schedule of payments. The senator sensibly finds that otherwise "there is no way to be confident that your narrow recusal policy vis-à-vis Patton, Boggs & Blow will be sufficient to remove any conflict of interest problems or the appearance of any conflict of interest problems."

Finally, Mr. Lott asks for a fuller account of whether Mr. Brown handled "soft corporate contributions" to the Democratic Party and how he would handle contacts with his son, who works for a lobbying firm with Japanese clients.

The issue of Brown's independence from business became more pointed Tuesday with the Los Angeles Times report that J. C. Penney, Anheuser-Busch, PepsiCo, Textron and Sony Music Entertainment had been asked to give at least \$10,000 apiece for a "Friends of Ron Brown" party during the inaugural.

Mr. Clinton's campaign spokesman, George Stephanopoulos, has praised Mr. Brown's decision to terminate his relationship with Patton, Boggs & Blow and notes that Clinton appointees will refrain from lobbying for five years after leaving office. Mr. Stephanopoulos avoids the point. The propriety of Mr. Brown's separation cannot properly be judged — by the Office of Government Ethics, the Commerce Department, the Senate or the public — without the details requested by Mr. Lott.

What Mr. Brown does after leaving office is not relevant to the current discussion of how he will handle potential conflicts while in office. Asking for such information is never an insult to a nominee's integrity. It honors a legitimate public concern. No where in his campaign did Bill Clinton say he would ask the voters to take a leap of faith about the financial interests of his nominees. Instead he proposed a new, stricter standard "to take away power from the entrenched bureaucracies and special interests that dominate Washington." The Senate should not confirm any nominee until that nominee and the president-elect have provided evidence that the pledge is being met in every reasonable way.

Mr. Lott is correct that Mr. Brown has not yet met that standard. The senator is entitled to the additional information he seeks, and the public deserves to read over his shoulder.

—THE NEW YORK TIMES.

## Other Comment

### Would the Serbs Comply?

The Western powers allowed the Serbian military power to pursue its war against Bosnia-Herzegovina almost to victory. The mediators offered the powerful aggressors a settlement that would have given them a lot, but not everything. At the same time, the Western powers demonstrated that not even a Bosnian government member who put his trust in them could expect them to protect him. No one could imagine, under such circumstances, that the Serbs would go along with the proposed deal.

—Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung.

The horror stories of systematic rape by warring factions in the Balkans have been described as "unprecedented." They aren't. Rape — and often the deliberate impregnation of women — has long been a tactic of war. Rape is specifically covered by conventions on the treatment of prisoners in war. Moreover, the kind of systematic rape reported from Bosnia fits definitions of the "grave breaches" that can trigger war crimes trials. But rape is not specifically mentioned as one of these "grave breaches." Given the reports from Bosnia, it should be.

Revision of the Geneva accords is possible, even without it, perpetrators of systematic rape in the Balkans can be prosecuted. But naming rape as a specific war crime would highlight the international outrage this brutality deserves.

—The Baltimore Evening Sun.

### How Long a Stay in Somalia?

Most of the U.S. troops are scheduled to return home in March. Although that deadline may be a bit generous, the March target pressures the United Nations to prepare to take over the mission. Americans must not become mired in Somalia.

There is no question that U.S. military might was needed in Somalia. The intervention secured the port, the airport and the roads used by relief convoys responding to an epidemic of starvation.

As many as 350,000 Somalis have died from starvation, disease or warfare since Mohammed Siad Barre's ouster ignited a bloody power struggle that exacerbated the effects of a severe drought. Now, because of U.S. aid, more Somalis are eating, fewer are dying — and the United States cannot guarantee a lasting peace. Only the Somalis can guarantee reconciliation and recovery.

—The Los Angeles Times.

The U.S. troops were sent to secure supply lines for food. We don't remember President Bush talking about U.S. troops going into towns, villages and the bush to do battle with warring clans. How did guarding food turn into search-and-destroy missions? Actually, it was a natural progression. It makes little sense for U.S. troops to help starving Somalis receive food, but then face starvation as soon as the Americans leave.

—Daily Times (Farmington, New Mexico).

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## A Black-and-White Answer for Saddam's Gray Games

By Jim Hoagland

WASHINGTON — Can a leopard change his spots? George Bush asked that question aloud three years ago as he and his advisers contemplated and then approved extending U.S. assistance to Saddam Hussein to get the Iraqi dictator to moderate his behavior.

The answer to Mr. Bush's question turns out to be yes, but not in the ways Mr. Bush had imagined. In their final confrontation, Saddam is showing not only familiar traits but some new ones that he has learned from his personal war with Mr. Bush.

Saddam's winter offensive against his opponents in Iraq and Kuwait demonstrates that he has at last learned to operate in a gray area that forces difficult choices on his opponents. This is a shift for a dictator accustomed to brutal, all-out confrontation. Consider what he has done in January and the choices he left Mr. Bush in his final week in office:

Saddam threatened U.S. warplanes with Iraqi missiles and jet fighters, and then pulled them back. He then reversed the missile threat in the north, virtually assuring that Mr. Bush would order a final bombing raid.

He challenged the weak United Nations ground force that is supposed to police the Iraqi-Kuwaiti border. Iraqis retrieved Silkorm

missiles and other equipment from under the noses of the UN command and then countered its complaints with legalistic arguments.

Saddam launched and then halted a campaign of terrorism against UN trucks conveying humanitarian aid and supplies to Kurds in the north.

History would have been totally different if Saddam had practiced this kind of measured misbehavior in the summer of 1990, as the Bush administration expected. Instead of the full-scale invasion of Kuwait that occurred on Aug. 1, the administration's interagency crisis management team, the Deputies Committee, concluded on July 27 that Saddam would do no more than take a corner of Kuwait and then bargain. "No one talked about a full invasion," one official said. "There was only some discussion of indirect U.S. military response, by which I understood limited air raids, if Iraqi troops crossed the border and halted. In some ways, that gray area would have been the hardest situation for us to respond to."

Three years later, Saddam's new nibbling at the restrictions imposed on Iraq after the Gulf War brought Mr. Bush back to the same question: to bomb and punish, or not to bomb?

Saddam clearly thought that this time a limited bombing raid and the sympathy it might inspire at home and abroad were worth the cost.

But the violations of January demanded a broad political response from Washington that imposes long-term political costs on the Iraqi dictator, to accompany military retaliation.

Iraq is using the current confrontation as a scene-setter for Bill Clinton's arrival. The outgoing and incoming U.S. presidents should jointly issue a statement warning that a round of snarling at Mr. Bush, followed by a smile offensive toward Mr. Clinton, will gain Baghdad nothing.

Saddam's actions also show that he has adopted a long-term strategy of driving a wedge between the U.S.-led coalition in Iraq and the suddenly overextended, underpowered UN. Saddam is doing his bit to undermine the half-way, legalistic approach of UN peacekeeping, which has also operated on the edge of failure in Cambodia, ex-Yugoslavia and Somalia.

The weak performance of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission, or UNIKOM, which administers the newly defined Iraq-Kuwait border and the small demilitarized zone it divides, has encouraged Sad-

dam to grow more daring in the south. U.S. military officials had been strongly pressing the UN observers to destroy the Silkorm missiles the Iraqis recovered in raids this week, but the unarmed UN unit procrastinated.

The broad political response that Mr. Bush, in consultation with Mr. Clinton, should implement to accompany military raids should include replacing UNIKOM on the Kuwaiti side of the border with Kuwaiti troops, backed by U.S. units already in the area. The United States should seek to have the no-flight zone expanded to all of Iraq and go back to demanding that southern Iraq be demilitarized as a security zone for Shiites, as the north is for Kurds.

The Deputies Committee had proposed imposing most of these conditions on the defeated Iraqis at the end of the Gulf War. But they were rejected by the U.S. military as too complicated and entangling. There was hope that Saddam would "stay in his box" and not provoke new confrontations.

That represented a hope that a leopard could abandon his spots altogether. It turned out to be illusory. Mr. Bush should seize his last opportunity to build a sturdier political cage around the still dangerous leopard he leaves behind.

The Washington Post.

## A New German Seriousness on the Asylum Problem

By Jochen Thies

BONN — In retrospect, the arson attack by neo-Nazis in Mölln, in which three Turkish citizens died, seems to have been the turning-point in the German debate on asylum. Since then the country has changed.

Nearly every weekend, tens of thousands of Germans take to the streets, often with candles in hand, to show that foreigners are welcome. The average citizen is speaking out: Germany is not returning to the 1920s.

The mass protests in Munich, Berlin, Frankfurt and elsewhere appear to be the reason the far-right parties are not gaining more support. Indeed, it is now unsure whether the Republican Party, the largest of the rightist parties, will get any seats in the next Bundestag after elections in 1994.

To what extent the Republicans favor violence against foreigners and asylum-seekers remains unclear, although the party is now being investigated by the government as a possible anti-democratic group. The hard core of those who turn violent against foreigners is estimated to number several thousand, while their supporters in the extreme-right groups, many of which have now been banned, are put at about 50,000.

While these numbers are not comforting, they show that a government ready to take action and an attentive public are able to bring the problem

under control. President Richard von Weizsäcker is largely responsible for taking the lead.

This does not mean that Germany is closer to solving the problem of its asylum-seekers. If the compromise found between the government and the opposition does not work, and if the number of asylum-seekers does not fall significantly this year, the topic will become election issue No. 1 — with disastrous consequences for the German and European unification processes.

This danger is real, especially if one takes into account government spending on asylum-seekers. State authorities are very reluctant to divulge the hard figures. But there are small villages in the north that have to spend one-third of their social budget on asylum-seekers. How long is the taxpayer going to accept this? The question remains unanswered.

The federal government is working with Poland and the Czech republic to control the influx of foreigners. But the flow from the East, including Russia, is expected to increase.

In exchange for moderate financial aid from Bonn, Warsaw and Prague have agreed to take back those people who slipped across their borders

into Germany. But it is doubtful that this will reduce the number of asylum-seekers in Germany.

The Interior Ministry plans to place German Army soldiers along the eastern border to stop incursions. And in a sign of how serious the problem has become, Interior Minister Rudolph Seifert has called for using electronic equipment to better monitor the frontier. But borders cannot be hermetically sealed.

As the pressure inexorably mounts on the German government, three clear tasks arise.

The first will be to redefine who is a German. Second-generation Turks, born in Germany, should be entitled to become German citizens, with all the rights and obligations, for example service in the armed forces, that this implies.

The second will be to establish an annual quota for immigrants. At present, Germany takes in about 1 million people a year.

The third is to say "no" to those who come to Germany for economic reasons only.

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## Let Thailand Take the Hint and Stop the Plunder

By Mark J. Valencia

HONOLULU — Thailand's inability or unwillingness to curb its companies' trade in logs and gems with the Khmer Rouge is only a small part of a much larger drive by Bangkok to exploit the natural resources of Indochina and Burma. Thai government and military officials are deeply implicated.

The United Nations sanctions imposed on the Khmer Rouge in late December were accompanied by statements from UN officials that Thai companies in pursuit of timber and precious stones had devastated the forests and fields of southwestern Cambodia, an area under the control of the Cambodian rebel faction.

Thai businessmen objected strongly to the UN trade ban. Prasong Somsri, the Thai foreign minister, tried to have the embargo delayed by a year to give the companies time to "phase out" their cross-border operations.

Almost simultaneously with the sanctions announcement, Thailand began enforcing cumbersome regulations that temporarily disrupted UN resupply flights between Cambodia and Thailand. Although Thai officials denied any connection between the events, Yasushi Akashi, the head of the UN peacekeeping operation in Cambodia, believes that Thailand is not living up to its commitment to help restore peace in Cambodia and end the Khmer Rouge's defiance.

Before and during World War II, the staunchly nationalistic regime of Field Marshal Luang Pibul Songgram in Bangkok openly campaigned for a Greater Thailand encompassing those parts of Burma, southern China and Indochina inhabited by people ethnically similar to Thais. The plan was quickly dropped.

But it now appears that a similar policy is being resurrected in an economic disguise. In recent years, Thai military leaders have spoken of turning the Southeast Asian mainland into a shining Suwanaphume, or Golden Land, with Thailand at its center. This is to be accompanied by conversion of Indochina's battlefields into marketplaces.

The Thai government has attempted to improve its political relations with Burma and the countries of Indochina — Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam. But in reality, Bangkok has been engaged in economic diplomacy. Thailand has exhausted or sharply depleted many of its vital resources, among them forests, gems, fish, minerals, oil and gas. These materials are needed to support the next stage of the country's industrial development.

Indochina and Burma have abundant resources. Thailand sees itself as a future economic center, using its neighbors' raw materials to produce value-added goods for export. But there have been complaints from Burma and the Indochinese states that Thai companies routinely extract more than their contracts allow and show little regard for the environment or host country's interests. Few Thai resource development enterprises contribute to long-term economic growth strategies for Indochina or Burma by bringing with them export industries, technology or training.

Thai officials and military officers allegedly profit from many of the resource projects. The major thrust by Thai companies into Burma began in 1988 after the Thai Army commander visited Rangoon with a large

delegation. The visit led to a rush by Thai logging and fishing companies to enter deals with the junta in Rangoon. Many of the successful firms have close links with the Thai government and armed forces.

Some Thai officials maintain that the country needs to develop close political ties with neighboring nations. But Bangkok's exploitive policy and the rapaciousness of Thai companies may jeopardize that goal.

Already, the behavior of Thai companies has brought negative results. Hanoi has rebuffed approaches by Bangkok for fishing accords because of objections to the way Thailand exploits resources. Bangkok's efforts to gain access to oil and gas reserves off Vietnam also have been spurned.

Clearly, if Thailand wants to become an economic hub, it must develop resources in ways that are less exploitive and more beneficial to its neighbors. If not, Indochina and Burma may look elsewhere for investment.

Thailand may soon face serious competition from other Southeast Asian countries, as well as Japan, South Korea and Taiwan. They, too, are interested in the resources of Indochina and Burma. If Thailand is to retain its head start in Laos, Cambodia and Burma, it must make a concerted effort to change its quest for short-term profit.

Bangkok must ensure that Thai companies adhere to contract rules, protect the environment and advance the long-term development objectives of host countries. This is hard because clamping down on powerful business interests with military connections could destabilize the government.

The UN sanctions against trading with the Khmer Rouge are a critical test. If enforced against Thai companies, they may be a boon to a fragile coalition government in need of a strong case for curbing the most counterproductive elements of the country's private sector.

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## An Umbrella For Allies in The Mideast

By Robert Jastrow and Max Kampelman

WASHINGTON — If nuclear weapons exploded over Tel Aviv and Haifa, Israel's life would probably end. If they exploded over Riyadh, Medina and Jidda, they probably would destroy Saudi Arabia.

Fortunately, Bill Clinton thinks the United States should provide the defenses its Middle Eastern allies need to protect themselves against nuclear-armed neighbors. In July, he said America should "develop and deploy theater-based defense systems — like Patriot and its successors — to defend U.S. troops and allies against the threat of missile attack." Unfortunately, not enough money is available.

Iraq's covert efforts show that treaties alone are unlikely to stem the spread of nuclear weapons. Libya, Algeria and Iran have nuclear programs under way. China plans to build reactors for Iran and Algeria that are large enough to make the material for several nuclear weapons yearly.

Worse yet, Syria, Iran and Libya seem well along in developing chemical and biological weapons, which can reach their targets in minutes. They are cheaper and easier to produce than nuclear weapons.

Strategic Defense Initiative technologies could neutralize limited Third World missile attacks. The defenses needed to do so are not highly sophisticated, but improved versions of the Patriot. Yes, the Patriot's accomplishments in the Gulf War were overblown; since then, its technology has improved.

The Patriot and Israel's Arrow destroy missiles by exploding in their path. Other missiles, like the air-defense Siderwinder, which carries sensors that detect the heat of a missile and steer into it, destroy it by the impact. An improved Patriot and Arrow are on the way. The highly advanced system called Theater High-Altitude Anti-Missile Defense (or Thaad), which destroys missiles by collision, is to be tested within two years.

Some experts say one in three missiles would get through such defenses; others say one in 10. Assuming one in five odds, only one missile in 25 would reach its target if there were two layers of defense.

Experts say that if 10 nuclear-armed missiles exploded over Israel's military bases and airfields, they would destroy the Israeli Army and Air Force. If Iraq wanted to get 10 missiles through SDI-type defenses, it would have to launch 250 nuclear-armed missiles. Fortunately, missile forces containing hundreds of nuclear weapons will not be within Iraq's reach for many years.

A smaller missile attack could be neutralized by a multilayer defense of super-Patriots, Arrows and Thaads, available at the end of the decade.

But an improved Patriot defense cannot protect against cluster munitions: a warhead with 100 or more bomblets. A few dozen Iraqi Scud missiles armed with bomblets would present Israeli or Saudi missile defenses with thousands of attacking objects to be intercepted and destroyed. The dispersed bomblets would overwhelm the Thaad and improved Patriots and Arrows — carrying nerve or mustard gas, they could devastate a city's population.

The only defense against clusters is one that destroys Scuds in their boost phase, seconds after launch. A highly effective boost-phase blockade would be provided by a network of early-warning satellites with electronic eyes in low-altitude orbit. Once they get information on the location and destination of the launched Scuds, they would transmit it to space-based interceptors, which would swoop down to knock out the Scuds.

But Congress has severely cut the money for such a defense, so it will not be ready for many years.

A near-term alternative is a rocket launched from the ground which accelerates so rapidly that it can cover hundreds of miles in the 60 or 70 seconds available to strike a Scud before it releases its bomblets. Such rockets have been built and present no substantial technical difficulties.

It is crucial that the Clinton administration not only support the super-Patriot and the Thaad but seek early deployment of ultra-high-speed interceptors and satellite eyes. Otherwise, countless Israelis, Saudis and other friends may one day pay with their lives.

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## IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

### 1893: Temple Robbers

NEW YORK — A despatch from San Francisco says: "A band of robbers made a raid in December upon the village in Canton. They looted a tribute of several thousand taels upon the temple priests who had just received large offerings from people celebrating a holiday by a dramatic entertainment in a shed before the temple. The robbers set fire to the shed and the temple also caught alight. Over one-thousand-four-hundred people died."

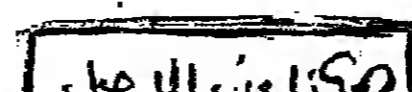
### 1918: Canuck Solution

PARIS — The Canadians have introduced into the army a method of carrying loads known as the tump-line. It is based on principles used for generations by North American Indians. By its use one man is able to carry the ordinary load of two men for a greater distance over slippery, devastated ground, and with less fatigue than a soldier can carry his own

### ordinary load, while it enables troops to shift pack on the march and greatly increases their marching capacity.

### 1943: Air Raid in Africa

NORTH AFRICA — [From our New York edition:] American Flying Fortresses destroyed thirty-four Axis planes aground and aloft in a raid yesterday [Jan. 13] on Castel Benito airfield, ten miles south of Tripoli, tearing a considerable hole in the already thin air cover on which Field Marshal Erwin Rommel depends for an effective retreat from Libya into Tunisia, a communique reported today. In this heaviest assault delivered from the west on the Axis in Tripolitania not an American plane was lost. The Allied communique said fourteen planes were shot down in combat during the raid and an airforce spokesman added that twenty German planes were smashed on the ground. He estimated that at least ten more Nazi craft were damaged in the air.

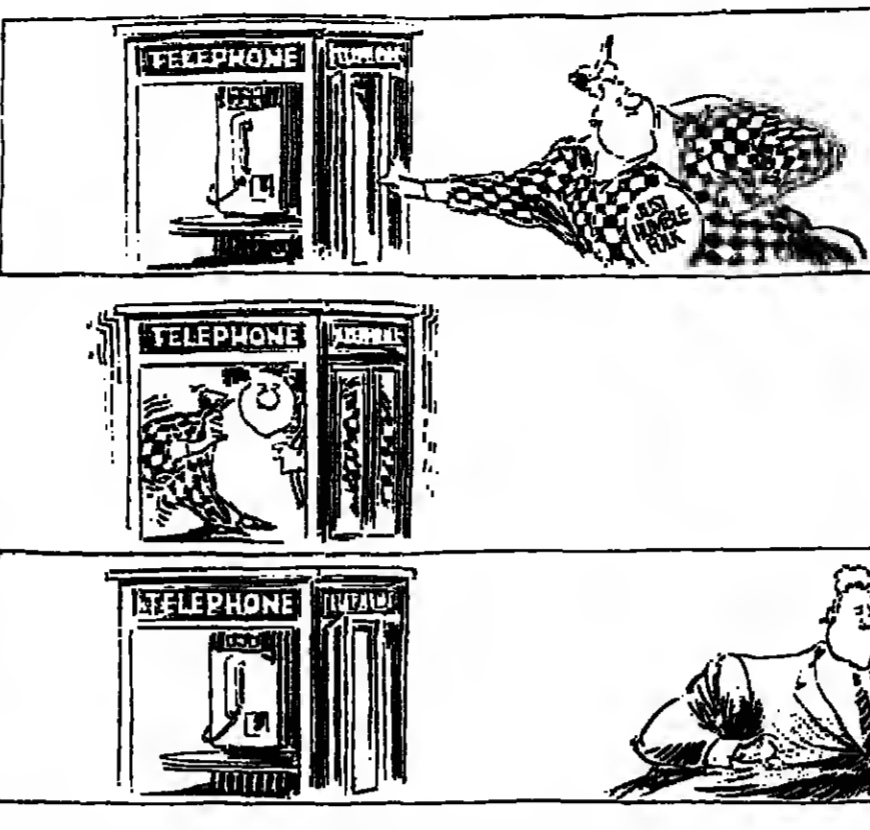


OPINION

The Promises Department Is Already Out to Lunch

By George F. Will

WASHINGTON — During the campaign, the Democrats promised "change," perhaps assuming that "change" is a synonym for "progress." During the transition they have proven that it is not.



Take My Advice (Or Not!): Life Is for the Early Bird

By Richard Reeves

LOS ANGELES — So Richard Nixon turned 80 last Saturday. I turned on the television and there were a bunch of fine people down the road at his museum in Yorba Linda singing "Happy Birthday, Mr. President."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Stakes in Hong Kong

Criton Zoakos, in "A Money Game Takes Over Hong Kong" (Opinion, Jan. 11), erroneously asserts that the debate over Governor Chris Patten's modest democratic reforms is "basically a scrap over money."

Hart and the Military

Regarding "Clinton Has a Chance to Reform America's Military Structure" (Opinion, Nov. 23) by Gary Hart:

Letters to the Editor (continued)

clearly in direct response to Mr. Patten's democratic reform proposals. Those interested in putting an economic spin on events in Hong Kong will want to ponder why some business leaders of the most capitalist economy in the world are siding with the Chinese Communist Party against political reform in Hong Kong.

Letters to the Editor (continued)

As a colonel in the U.S. Army, with 31 years of service, including a tour in Vietnam, I found Mr. Hart's comments on reforming the military both offensive and disturbing. Offensive in that rather than concentrating on necessary reforms, he repeated clichés that someone in his position should know are out of date.

Letters to the Editor (continued)

On successful command. You will have to look a long time to find a combat arms officer selected to brigadier general who has not successfully commanded a company, battalion and brigade.

Letters to the Editor (continued)

Fighting Terrorism To combat international terrorism, I suggest a new "Geneva Convention" which would stipulate the following:

EUROPEAN TOPICS

Can This Dying Bird Really Sell Sweaters?

The latest advertisement from the Italian clothesmaker with the reputation for provocation appears to have offended a powerful constituency. It shows a floating seabird, completely smothered in oil except for one wide and startled-looking eye.

Around Europe

In another sign that the end of the Cold War has sunk in, authorities in Germany's North Rhine-Westphalia state are seeking new uses for the secret bomb shelters built after the Cuban missile crisis.

A new convent for Carmelite nuns at Auschwitz will be ready March 1, making it possible for the nuns to vacate the one at the edge of the concentration camp grounds that they have occupied since 1984.

EUROPEAN TOPICS (continued)

In Russia, juvenile delinquency has soared, according to Interior Ministry figures. They show a near doubling of crimes by minors over a nine year period, from 91,311 cases in 1982 to 173,375 in 1991.

The British Computer Society is investigating complaints that children are being exposed to hard-core pornography through home computers.

Is Jacques Delors preparing for a post-EC job as jazz reviewer? In Le Journal du Dimanche, a Paris weekly, the president of the EC Commission writes about how deeply moved he was by Dizzy Gillespie's first appearance in France, on Feb. 28, 1948.

The new Italian highway code puts safety above romance by banning kissing, car-nibbling, embracing and other amorous effusions at the steering wheel.

GENERAL NEWS

Tanker Aftermath: Finger-Pointing and Avoiding New Spills

By William Schmidt New York Times Service



Camilla Parker Bowles, attending a polo match last June.

SUMBURGH HEAD, Shetland Islands — With millions of gallons of oil on the water and the tanker Braer a battered wreck near this rocky headland, conservationists and local residents are now demanding to know who to blame, and what will be done to prevent anything like it from happening again.

Paralleling similar arguments made in the United States following the Exxon Valdez spill off Alaska in 1989, critics say the Braer accident — in sheer volume one of the worst tanker spills in history — demonstrates that the British government must move immediately to enforce tougher tanker safety regulations as well as restrictions on the coastal movements of tankers, particularly in bad weather and in environmentally sensitive areas.

The Duke of Edinburgh, who visited the islands and overflew the wreck Wednesday in his role as international president of the World Wide Fund for Nature, raised several questions about regulating tankers, beyond tighter controls on their coastal routes.

"Are the crews properly trained?" he asked, during a news conference Wednesday. "Are they maintained properly? To what extent do flags of convenience mean you can slip out of regulations?"

With skies clearing and strong storm winds abating, Prince Philip and his son Prince Charles, the heir to the throne, overflew the scene of the accident, where pollution control officials said large swells and churning seas overnight achieved a 90 percent reduction in the thick coffee-colored slicks that stained the southern coastal area Tuesday, after the ship broke up from being

pounded by hurricane-driven surf. So far, visible damage from the nearly 600,000 barrels of light crude spilled along the ruggedly scenic coast of these remote islands is amazingly light, although officials and scientists acknowledge the oil is toxic in high concentrations and its long-term ecological consequences on marine life are unknown.

The discussion about tighter controls over tankers comes amid growing concern from some critics that tanker owners are cutting corners and adhering to less-rigid safety and crew training standards as a result of economic and competitive pressures.

Critics say tougher controls are long overdue. Paul Horsman, an oil pollution expert for Greenpeace, the environmentalist group, says prevention is the only answer. "Once the oil is in the water, it's too late," he said.

In the Shetlands and elsewhere, officials have called for the government to install surveillance systems to monitor all tankers carrying oil or hazardous cargoes, or to insist that such ships be accompanied by escort tugs, in case they encounter trouble.

Malcolm Green, the chief executive of the Shetlands government, complained Wednesday that radar coverage of the passage south of the islands, where the Braer ran into trouble last week when it lost its engines, was inadequate.

"We can't see the tankers when they stop, or reverse course," he said.

Leonard Groat, another member of the Shetlands local government, added: "It's the government's job to guard our coast. They aren't doing it."

Others go even farther, calling for a ban on tanker traffic near environmentally sensitive coastal areas, like the southern Shetlands, a ruggedly scenic coastline that is home to one of Europe's largest seabird and wildlife colonies.

Math Scores Are Adding Up Higher, U.S. Study Shows

WASHINGTON — After years of grim news about the academic performance of elementary and secondary school pupils, a preliminary report indicates that U.S. students made significant gains in mathematics achievement between 1980 and 1992.

Canada's 3d Language? Data Show It's Chinese

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# Hong Kong Rebuffs China

## Council Rejects Move to Curb Patten Plan

**The Associated Press**  
**HONG KONG** — Legislators rebuffed a new challenge to Hong Kong's democratic aspirations on Wednesday by overwhelmingly rejecting a Chinese-backed proposal urging Governor Chris Patten to abandon his political changes.

Members of the Legislative Council voted, 35 to 2, against a motion sponsored by a pro-Beijing legislator, Philip Wong, that would have urged Mr. Patten to consult with China before proposing any political changes.

Mr. Wong, a businessman with strong ties to China, visited Beijing last week and talked with Prime Minister Li Peng and Jiang Zemin, the Communist Party chairman.

The vote clears the way for a legislative showdown in late February over Mr. Patten's plans to increase the number of elected legislators and widen the voter base for the 1995 legislative elections.

The action also signals the determination of

legislators, regardless of their political persuasion, to have some say in the territory's affairs before power is transferred to China in 1997.

Many of Hong Kong's 5.9 million people have been unnerved by the escalating war of words between their present and future leaders since Mr. Patten unveiled his blueprint in October.

Mr. Patten tried to break the deadlock on Tuesday by urging legislators to ratify plans that would satisfy both Britain and China.

But Chinese officials have said they will reject any decisions by Hong Kong's legislature that support or even dilute Mr. Patten's constitutional changes, despite China's promise of "a high degree of autonomy" for Hong Kong for at least 50 years after 1997.

Beijing opposes the Patten proposals because it fears that more freedom in Hong Kong will feed dissent in China. Beijing has sharply criticized legislators, groups and businesses that support Mr. Patten's efforts.

# CIA Chief Reiterates North Korea Nuclear Threat

By Don Oberdorfer  
Washington Post Service

**WASHINGTON** — After eight months of international inspections of the North Korean nuclear program, limited access and "disturbing evidence of continuing efforts to deceive" have left impor-

tant unanswered questions, according to the outgoing CIA director, Robert M. Gates.

Mr. Gates, who declared publicly last February that North Korea could produce an atomic weapon "between a few months and a couple of years," said in an interview

that the United States did not know if Pyongyang had made the fundamental decision to end its weapons program. "We will just have to keep monitoring it very, very closely," he said.

The CIA director, who will leave office next week with the departing

Bush administration, said his prediction last year could still prove to be true, despite four full-scale inspections that North Korea has permitted of its nuclear center at Yongbyon by the International Atomic Energy Agency since May.

North Korea has consistently denied that it is pursuing nuclear-weapons development.

The estimate that North Korea could have a weapon in as soon as "a few months" was based on the possibility that enough fissionable material had been acquired secretly by last February to make at least one bomb, Mr. Gates said. While U.S. experts agree that there is no hard evidence of this, Mr. Gates said it was possible and that "it is clearly a big concern."

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Mr. Gates declined to provide details to back up his charge of efforts of deception, except to say this had been detected "in the last few months." Other officials said the deception involved efforts to hide radioactive waste products coming from the nuclear reactors at Yongbyon. Such products are not required to be submitted for international inspection.

A senior administration official from a policy-making agency outside the CIA said it was reasonable, based on assumptions from limited information, to conclude that North Korea had "enough repro-

cessed material to manufacture a single bomb" that has been hidden somewhere. The official called this calculation a "working hypothesis," but other officials said there was disagreement about it within the executive branch.

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The most important gap in official knowledge about the North Korean program is caused by the continuing inability of the international inspectors to have access to the natural uranium core of its five-megawatt reactor at Yongbyon, which has been in operation since 1986.

# Cambodia Attack Kills UN Workers and Girl

New York Times Service

**BANGKOK** — Two Cambodians working for the UN peacekeeping force in Cambodia were killed along with a girl, 7, when unidentified men attacked a voter registration post in northwest Cambodia with rockets and rifle fire, the United Nations said Wednesday.

It was the first time in the 14-month operation in Cambodia that UN workers have been killed by hostile fire.

There were confused reports over what happened during the attack late Tuesday night in the village of Ang Kron in Siem Reap Province, and over the identity of the attackers.

While some diplomats in Phnom Penh initially said that Khmer Rouge was responsible, UN officials said they had no clear evidence that the rebels were involved.

Two UN policemen — one from Ghana, one from India — and a

Cambodian man, 70, were reported to have been slightly injured in the attack, and a building housing five Japanese police officers burned to the ground. The Japanese police were away on vacation at the time.

The two Cambodian women killed Tuesday, identified as Ty Sary, 43, and Vicheth Hang, 20, had been working for the UN operation in its effort to register millions of voters for elections scheduled this spring.

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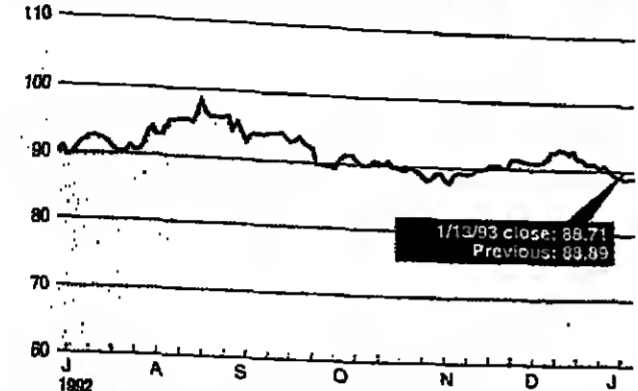






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In London, the February contract for North Sea Brent Blend crude oil touched \$17.40 per barrel after the news of bombings of targets in Iraq...

Separately, the Paris-based International Energy Agency said oil output by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries rose to 25.26 million barrels a day in December...

"Either they have not learned to follow the market," said Pierre Terzian, editor of the newsletter Petrostrategies...

Before the Iraq news, Libya said it would trim production, but its announcement did not affect the market.

The Monthly Oil Market Report by the IEA, an arm of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, also noted surprisingly strong exports by Russia...

Russian oil output fell 12 percent, to 7.9 million barrels a day in 1992, extending a sharp decline. But exports to the West appear to have held up well.

French-German Link in Futures Market

By Brandon Mitchener

International Herald Tribune

FRANKFURT — The main features and options exchanges of Germany and France took Wednesday what they hoped was the first step toward a common European market in financial futures...

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Kodak Forces Executives To Take Investor's View

By Michael S. Smith

Bloomberg Business News

ROCHESTER, New York — Eastman Kodak Co. is making sure its executives have a personal stake in the company's performance. Starting this year, its top 40 managers will be required to invest in Kodak stock worth at least as much as their salary...

"The result, all our senior managers will act and behave like owners of this company, because they will be substantial owners," said Kay R. Whitmore, chairman.

The executives will be required to buy Kodak stock worth one to four times their salaries within five years, depending on how high up they are in management.

Kodak is not the first company to encourage executive accountability by requiring a financial stake, said Brian Dunn, an executive compensation specialist with Towers Perrin in New York. Chrysler Corp. and Household International Inc., for example, require top executives to own company stock, and it is something many major corporations are considering, he said.

An important reason for such requirements, Mr. Dunn said, was to combat the perception that executives did not have a strong enough stake in their company's performance.

The idea is to have a forceful way of making executives accountable for their actions, said Alan K. Brakonicki, a Kodak spokesman. The plan could be expensive for the chairman. He owned 21,748 shares of Kodak as of January 1992, the latest date for which figures are available, which were worth about \$1 million at Wednesday's close of \$47.75.

Mr. Whitmore does have options to buy 173,000 Kodak shares at prices that probably are a discount to market prices. Mr. Brakonicki said he did not know if the 40 executives would be entitled to reach their required holding by exercising options, which are often a part of top executives' pay.



Brady to Clinton: Forget New Spending

By Steven Greenhouse

New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — In blunt advice to President-elect Bill Clinton, Treasury Secretary Nicholas F. Brady said Wednesday that the economy was gathering steam and warned that it would be unwise for the new president to spur growth through a short-term program of increased Federal spending.

full-time at his former investment bank, Dillon Read & Co., although he said he would give it whatever help he could.

Mr. Brady praised the outgoing administration for facing up to what he described as several "torpedoes at the waterline" that had threatened to wreck the financial system when Mr. Bush took office.

He said that the administration had largely resolved the savings-and-loan crisis, which many economists say has its roots in the high inflation under Jimmy Carter and grew worse when Ronald Reagan deregulated the banking system.

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"I felt all along that the balance between inflation and growth was not being regarded in the proper light over the past two years," he said.

Mr. Brady was also visibly frustrated with the situation in Russia and Moscow's on-again, off-again devotion to reform. He said it would not be wise for Western nations to shower Russia with aid until it committed itself to full-fledged reforms.

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Paris and Bonn Join in Hinting Of a Cut in Rates

By Tom Redburn

International Herald Tribune

FRANKFURT — Germany and France stood shoulder to shoulder Wednesday with one of the world's most prominent currency speculators in defense of the French franc as top economic officials of the two countries hinted at a cut in German interest rates before French parliamentary elections.

While many money managers remain skeptical, George Soros, the head of a global investment group that made more than \$1 billion in profits from the currency devaluation after the withdrawal of the British pound and Italian lira last fall from the ERM, joined German and French officials in support for the present relationship between the Deutsche mark and the franc.

Helmut Schlesinger, president of the Bundesbank, said that the German central bank would continue "first and foremost" to focus on reducing inflation, but that such a posture "does not rule out all leeway for the Bundesbank's monetary policy."

Mr. Soros, like several other people at the meeting, said the survival of the European monetary system ultimately "depends on interest rates in Germany."

Indeed, Horst Kohler, state secretary at the German ministry of finance and Chancellor Helmut Kohl's personal economic adviser, said that lower German interest rates were what "we all want and what we all need."

French officials, desperately trying to sustain the franc through the March election, at which the Socialist government of Prime Minister Pierre Bérégovoy is expected to be decisively swept from power, said they were counting on Germany to show further signs that it stands behind the French currency.

The West German economy grew just 0.8 percent in 1992, Page 11.

Mr. Schlesinger, speaking to the G-7 Council, a private group that brings together present and former government officials with top money managers and economists, delivered a predictably strong defense of

the Bundesbank's fight against the evils of German inflation. But at the same time, he along with other European officials here, suggested they would go all out to preserve the remaining core of the battered European exchange-rate mechanism that includes Germany, France, Belgium and the Netherlands.

"The EMS can and should survive," said Hans Tietmeyer, the Bundesbank's vice president and designated successor to Mr. Schlesinger later this year. "There is no longer any compelling reason for further adjustments" in the monetary grid, he argued.

The ERM was calm on Wednesday on the eve of a routine monthly meeting in Brussels of the EC's powerful monetary committee. Reuters reported.

Monetary sources said that the committee, during its meeting Thursday, would as a matter of course examine the workings of the exchange-rate mechanism. But they denied any knowledge of a possible change in parities after last week's turmoil.

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MARKET DIARY

Intel, Adobe Push Nasdaq to Record

Compiled by Our Staff From Despatches NEW YORK — Big-name technology stocks pushed the over-the-counter market to a record Wednesday, while blue-chip issues slipped. "It's a pattern we see since about October, a handful of stocks in the over-the-counter market are really accounting for much of the strength," said Ricky Harrington, director of investment policy at Marston Bass Associates. "It's simply a function of a certain amount of money moving into OTC stocks. Mutual funds have a lot of cash, and they have to find places for it."

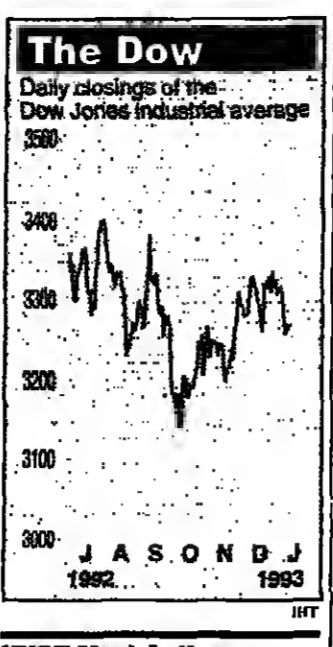


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No Safe-Haven Rally For Dollar on Iraq Raid

NEW YORK — The dollar fell against most major currencies Wednesday as investors used a successful raid by allied aircraft on Iraqi targets as an excuse to book profits from the dollar's recent run-up. U.S. French and British aircraft struck Iraqi missile sites and other targets threatening coalition aircraft in the "no-flight" zone in

from 1,499. The pound rose to \$1.5493 from \$1.5435. The U.S. currency rose against the yen, however, finishing at 125.76 yen, up from 125.35 on Tuesday. The yen took a drubbing in European trading as investors worried that the Gulf conflict would curtail oil shipments to Japan, but regained some of its strength after the U.S.-led bombing raid.

"People have been hesitant to sell because of the Iraq situation," said Marc Chandler, senior foreign-exchange analyst at IDEA. "Now that the U.S. has begun bombing, and the dollar hasn't moved any higher, they feel comfortable selling." With the Gulf conflict at a low ball, the dollar is likely to benefit only if the conflict "interrupts oil supplies or if there's a bigger commitment of forces," he said. As the U.S. currency headed lower during the afternoon, investors who had bet on a stronger dollar unloaded positions to cut their losses, said John Duffy, a trader at Bayerische Wertbank AG.

RATES: Hints of a German Cut

(Continued from first finance page) clude to level out later in the year, Ulrich Ramm, chief economist at Commerzbank, predicted that German short-term interest rates would fall by about 2.5 percentage points by the end of 1993. Despite Mr. Schlesinger's statement that "monetary policy should not be turned into a pacemaker for efforts to kickstart economic activity," the Bundesbank is likely to react to the spreading signs of Ger-

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Clemency for Air Controllers?

WASHINGTON (NYT) — More than 11 years after Ronald Reagan dismissed 11,400 federal air traffic controllers who were conducting an illegal strike, the incoming Clinton administration on Wednesday held out the possibility that they could apply to regain their old jobs. Federico F. Pena, transportation secretary-designate, told the Senate Public Works Committee that the fate of the strikers, who were barred from ever again working as controllers, had been considered by the president-elect's transportation transition team. "That issue should be objectively reviewed," Mr. Pena said. The strikers were fired in August 1981.

Panic's Company Restores Dividend

COSTA MESA, California (UPI) — The Serbian-American businessman Milan Panic's SPI Pharmaceuticals Inc., which cut its dividend last month because of the war in Yugoslavia, said Wednesday it had restored the payment to its previous level. SPI, whose factory in Belgrade has been hurt by a UN embargo against Serbia, said it acted because the board had confidence in SPI's preliminary fourth-quarter results and balance sheet. Word of the new dividend pushed SPI stock up \$1 to \$11.375 a share in late-session trading. Mr. Panic, who founded SPI, took a leave of absence last year to become prime minister of Serbia and Montenegro but was recently ousted. Last month, SPI said it was cutting its fourth-quarter dividend to 6.25 cents a share from 26.5 cents a share. But Wednesday, SPI declared a 20-cent-a-share dividend payable in common stock and applicable to the fourth quarter in addition to the cash dividend already paid out.

Car Sales Declined in Early January

DETROIT (AP) — Sales of domestically built cars and trucks fell 3.1 percent in early January, reflecting the end of special year-end deals on some models, automakers' figures showed Wednesday. Average daily car sales were off 4.5 percent and trucks were down 1.2 percent. The projected annual rate for car sales based on the first 10 days of the month was 5.3 million, the same as for the Jan. 1-10 period last year, but far below the 6.2 million annual rate for December. Light trucks sold at a projected annual rate of 3.8 million, the same as early January last year. "It's not unusual to see this hiccup after seeing these tremendous pushes at the end of the year like we had with Ford and Honda," said Steve Girsky, an auto-industry analyst with PaineWebber Inc. in New York. "The incentives came off and people stopped buying."

2 U.S. Firms Sign Pacts With Hanoi

HANOI (AFP) — Hewlett-Packard Co. and Compaq Computer Corp. have signed agreements to sell computers in Vietnam, the Vietnam Investment Review said Wednesday, marking the first U.S.-Vietnamese business arrangement reported since Washington eased its economic embargo last month. The newspaper said the agreements with Vietnam were implemented when the U.S. embargo was fully lifted. On Dec. 14, President George Bush authorized U.S. companies to open offices, hire staff and sign, but not execute, contracts in Vietnam.

For the Record

Zale Corp. has reached an agreement in Dallas with the lone remaining creditor group that did not support the jeweler's reorganization plan. The agreement will consolidate the reorganization plans proposed by the company and the unsecured creditors for Zale Credit Corp. (Bloomberg) The investor Kirk Kerkorian said he had pledged his 9.6 percent stake in Chrysler Corp. as collateral to guarantee payment of a \$175 million bank loan. (Reuters)

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# Japan Struggles Through Art Hangover

By Leslie Helm  
Los Angeles Times Staff

**TOKYO** — When Ryohei Saito paid \$160 million one week in 1990 to acquire the world's two most expensive paintings — a Van Gogh and a Renoir — his Daishowa Paper Manufacturing Co. empire was at its peak, and so was Japan's surging economy. Mr. Saito's dramatic purchases put him at the crest of a tsunami of art purchases that became a symbol of Japan's own prosperity.

Now that the tidal wave has crashed, dragging art prices down as sharply as Japanese property and stocks, Japan's huge art collection has become just another reminder of the worst excesses of Japan's speculative bubble.

Investors have stored their paintings in anticipation of the next art boom. But many may not be able to hold out that long. There is widespread speculation that Mr. Saito, who

recently had to sell off assets and draw from his personal fortune to bail out his company, may be forced to sell his art treasures at a huge loss.

A rash of bankruptcies by dealers and galleries has forced banks to take paintings in lieu of loan repayments. As a result, banks already suffering from huge inventories of hard-to-sell land are now also saddled with thousands of paintings, valued at an estimated \$8 billion.

Impressionist art prices are down more than 50 percent. Some dealers worry that if troubled Japanese banks and credit companies are forced to dump their art, prices could plunge even more sharply.

Another impact of the burst art bubble: a bigger Japanese trade surplus. In 1990, Japan imported more than \$4 billion in art, snapping up 40 percent to 50 percent of all Impressionist art put on the market and offsetting at least some of its exports. Although

Japanese are still present at international auctions, they buy far less and pay much lower prices. This year, Japan's import of art is estimated to fall to \$570 million, one-seventh of its peak level.

European and American dealers, hoping to make a killing by buying from dejected Japanese art collectors, are making inquiries but are being turned away because of their low offers. Auction houses, too, are finding art owners unwilling to face the reality of falling prices.

"We are getting a lot of interest, but when they hear our estimates for what their paintings will bring, they are shocked. Not much business materializes," said Koji Yamada, of the Tokyo office of Christie's auction house.

But collectors are pleased. "Art dealers were pushing art as assets, telling me I could triple my money, but I wasn't interested in reselling," said Saijiro Kita, a collector.

## NASDAQ

**Wednesday's Prices**  
NASDAQ prices as of 4 p.m. New York time. This list compiled by the AP, consists of the 1,000 most traded securities in terms of dollar value. It is updated twice a year.

12 Month High	Low	Stock	Div	Yld	PE	12 Month High	Low	Stock	Div	Yld	PE
120	115	AA	0.10	4.5	15	120	115	AA	0.10	4.5	15
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### AMEX

**Wednesday's Closing**  
Tables include the nationwide prices up to the closing on Wall Street and do not reflect late trades elsewhere. Via The Associated Press

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Taiwan on Standby for China Flights

By Laurence Zuckerman
International Herald Tribune
TAIPEI — Last October, the authorities officially unveiled the newly refurbished terminal building at the city's domestic airport...

people who made the trip were forced to travel by Hong Kong, providing a windfall for the colony's tourist industry...

over 1991. Much of that trade is conducted by the hundreds of Taiwan companies that have poured investment into China...

business, but they do not hide the fact that they have their eye on the mainland market. "Once the green light is there, we are ready," said James Jeng...

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A Taiwan executive

entiment insists that Beijing must recognize it as a separate political entity before it will allow direct communication and transport links with China...

rather than take an entire day connecting through Hong Kong. As the pressure builds, Taiwan airlines are acquiring expensive new aircraft in anticipation of the day they will be allowed direct flights...

Mr. Pelletier's first task, he said in an interview, was to figure out what to do with the expensive new aircraft. "We have to be very cautious," he said.

China Airlines Stock Flop Bodes Ill for Taipei

TAIPEI — The stock flotation of Taiwan's flag carrier China Airlines has flopped, underlining the depth of the market's slump and boding ill for future privatizations...

"We feel disappointed with the result," the spokesman said, but added that China Airlines still planned to list its stock on the market in late February.

The government resumed its privatization program last month with a 3.73 billion dollar public offer of 122 million shares in the state-owned BES Engineering Corp.

The BES public offer was also initially oversubscribed, but a spokesman said Wednesday that he was not optimistic about the amount of shares investors would actually take up.

Japan's LDP Seeks To Spur Economy

TOKYO — Japan's governing Liberal Democratic Party, challenging the bureaucracy's approach to the sagging economy, said Wednesday that it would convene a task force to tackle slow growth.

Workers' Pay Trails Growth

TOKYO — During Japan's five years of strong expansion from mid-1986, corporate profits jumped more than 60 percent but wages increased less than 20 percent...

The finance ministry has strongly opposed measures to get the economy rolling, such as a tax cut. The government already faces a difficult job in balancing the fiscal 1993 budget...

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Investor's Asia. Table with columns for Hong Kong, Singapore, Tokyo, etc. and rows for various indices like Nikkei 225, Hang Seng, Straits Times.

Very briefly: Taiwan's Board of Foreign Trade said the island planned legislation under which it could impose trade sanctions against other nations.

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# SPORTS BASKETBALL

## Indiana Edges Out Michigan in 1-Point Big Ten Thriller

*The Associated Press*

The two best college basketball teams from the country's best conference put on one of the season's best performances.

Sixth-ranked Indiana beat No. 2 Michigan 76-75 Tuesday night, Bob Knight's 500th victory with the Hoosiers and his third in as many Big Ten games this season.

"I thought that was a great college basketball game," Knight said after career victory 602.

Alan Henderson kept Knight's reference in a happy frame by scoring the game's final points on a jumper with 1:36 remaining and then blocking two shots, the second a rebound by Chris Webber just seconds before the final buzzer.

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It was the fourth game in 15 days against a team ranked in the nation's top 10 for Michigan (12-2, 2-1), which had an 11-game winning streak snapped.

Michigan had plenty of chances to retake the lead after Henderson's game-winner.

James Voskuil had a drive blocked by Henderson with 1:13 left. Jalen Rose then raced the length of the court after a steal but missed a layup with 43 seconds left. Indiana's Todd Leary was fouled with 14 seconds left, but the Hoosiers were called for a lane violation and the Wolverines had the ball one last time.

Rose, who had 19 points, brought the ball upcourt and flipped it to Voskuil, who missed a 3-pointer from the left corner. The rebound was tipped by Rose to Chris Webber, who got the ball for one last shot, which was blocked by Henderson.

"I saw Voskuil shoot and I saw it would be short," Henderson said. "So I tried to hold my position. When Webber got the ball, I just tried to take a swipe at it and I got a piece of it."

Voskuil said he had a good look at the basket and felt confident. "It should have been made," he said.

"I can't really describe the feeling you get when you play your hardest and you don't get what you are after," said Webber, who had 18 points.

No. 9 Arkansas 74, Alabama 66: Scotty Thurman missed two of his first 12 shots, but came back to score 12 points in the final six minutes as the Razorbacks (12-1, 3-0 SEC) rallied at home.

Thurman's 3-pointer ended a 10-

0 run — in which he scored the last eight points — that gave Arkansas a 63-58 lead with 5:03 to play. Thurman finished with 21 points, while James Robinson had the same for Alabama (8-4, 1-2), although he did not have a field goal in the final 11 minutes.

Pittsburgh 80, No. 15 Connecticut 78: Antoine Jones' rebound basket at the buzzer gave the Panthers (10-2, 3-2 Big East) their first round victory of the season.

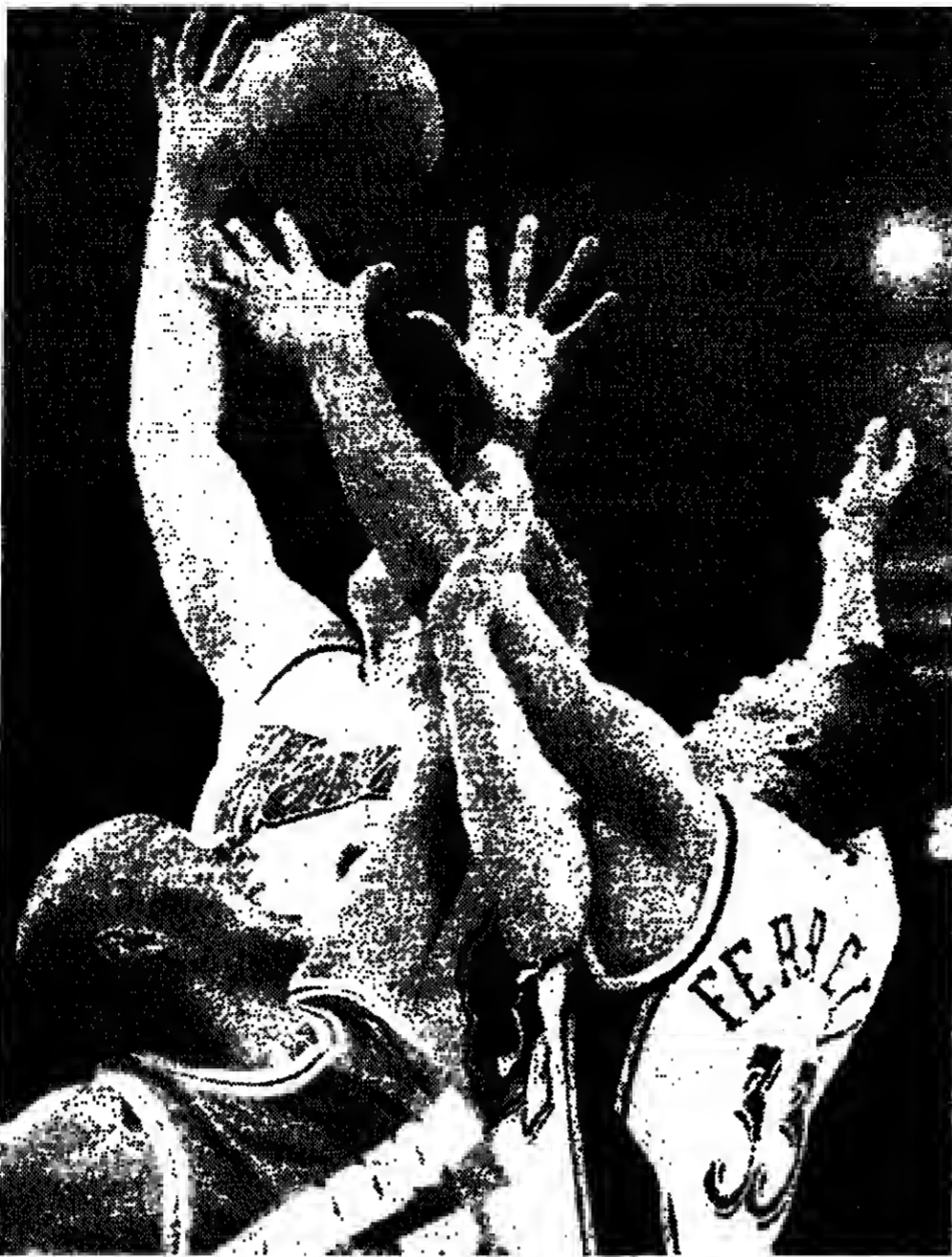
Brian Fair's 3-pointer with 44 seconds left brought the Huskies (7-3, 2-2) into the game's final tie and Pittsburgh worked the clock down for a hook shot by Chris McNeal, which missed but was rebounded by Jones. McNeal and Jerry McCullough each had 19 points for Pitt, while Fair topped Connecticut with 19.

Providence 73, No. 22 Boston College 65: The Friars (7-4, 1-3) won their first Big East game of the season and handed the Eagles (9-3, 3-1) their first league loss. Providence closed the game with a 19-7 run as Michael Smith scored five of his 19 points in the final seven minutes. Howard Easley's 20 points led Boston College, which hasn't won in Providence since 1985.

**Kentucky's Brassow Out**

Guard Jeff Brassow will be lost to top-ranked Kentucky for two to four weeks after arthroscopic surgery on his right knee, which was scheduled for Wednesday.

The 6-foot-5 (1.96-meter) Brassow tore cartilage in the knee when he humped it in practice recently, coach Rick Pitino said. Brassow missed last season because of a similar injury.



Tyrone Hill was an under-armed Warrior as Duane Ferrell and Adam Keefe grabbed a rebound for the Hawks, who got both a victory and their star, Dominique Wilkins, back. He scored 28 points.

## The Champion in Limbo

By Marc Bloom  
*New York Times Service*

NEW YORK — Bob Keino, the prince of one of running's royal families, has hit a bureaucratic hurdle in his quest to become the top high school runner in the United States.

Keino, 17, a junior who competes on the track and cross-country teams at Ridgewood High School in New Jersey, is a son of the two-time Olympic gold medalist Kip Keino of Kenya.

The younger Keino's victory in the state cross-country championships in November triggered an inquiry by the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association, which found Keino and the school in violation of state rules. The state body stripped Keino of his state title and other honors on Dec. 21, and suspended him from state-sanctioned competition for the rest of his high school career.

The league, which represents 428 high schools, also put the Ridgewood High track and cross-country teams on a two-year probation.

The dispute centers primarily on two issues. One is the failure of the school, upon Keino's arrival in Ridgewood in the fall of 1991, to file with the state a foreign-student application, which is required of foreign students not residing with their parents. The school acknowledges it failed to file the form. The other issue is the state's claim that Keino transferred to the school primarily for "athletic advantage."

Keino and the school maintain that he came to New Jersey from Kenya primarily for academic reasons.

Also at issue, indirectly, is a New Jersey policy permitting foreign high-school transfer students one year of athletic eligibility. There is no such restriction on American transfers.

Keino's lawyer, David Fields, has filed both an appeal of the penalties against Keino and a motion for an injunction with the New Jersey Commission of Education. If the injunction is granted, Keino, a B student with an interest in computers, will be able to resume competition while the appeal process continues.

Time is crucial, said Fields, because Keino wants to be eligible to run in the prestigious high school mile at the Millrose Games on Feb. 5 at Madison Square Garden. Keino is still permitted to train with his team.

Fields and the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association lawyer have hinted that a compromise is under consideration.

But unless Keino is fully exonerated soon, he will probably leave Ridgewood to attend Ford Union Military Academy in Virginia, according to Fred Hardy, an adviser to the Keino family who has helped many Kenyans attend school in the United States.

Hardy, a former track coach at the University of Virginia, said that Kip Keino and his wife, Phyllis, were "shocked" and that they were sending a letter from Kenya affirming their son's original intent to attend Ridgewood High School for the academic opportunity.

Bob is the fourth Keino child to attend American schools. A daughter, Stella, is in her senior year at Notre Dame Academy in Middleburg, Virginia. One son, James, is a Texas A&M graduate, and another, Martin, attended Fork Union and

is now a leading distance runner at the University of Arizona.

Bob Keino is part of a vanguard of talented high-school-age African runners who are gaining recognition in the United States. While African runners have excelled on the collegiate level since the early 1970s, their impact on the high school scene is new.

Last year, Ibrahim Aden of Somalia, at Fork Union, was the top high school miler in the United States, running 4 minutes 5.71 seconds. Last fall, Keino was among

English in an unsalaried position at Rift Valley Academy in Kijabe, Kenya, where Bob Keino was a student. One day, Van Yperan invited students to jog with him regularly. Three students showed up. One was Keino, who, said Van Yperan, quit after three weeks. Van Yperan had no further contact with Keino until the last day of classes, when he met Kip Keino, who had come to pick up his son.

Van Yperan returned to Ridgewood in the fall of 1990. Ten months later, he said he received a

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several Africans to capture state high school cross-country titles. Foreign-student programs and eligibility rules vary from state to state. In Oregon in 1991, a dispute arose over the status of Maria Mutola of Mozambique, then the world's sixth-ranked 800-meter runner, who was a student at Springfield High School.

Mutola had come to Oregon on a grant from a branch of the International Olympic Committee. League officials refused to let Mutola compete until she proved academic competency. Once eligible, Mutola won the state cross-country title. She went on to make the finals in both the 800 and the 1,500 at the 1992 Summer Games in Barcelona.

Bob Keino, by contrast, says he was not a competitive runner before coming to the United States.

"He was very weak, not an athlete at all," said the Ridgewood High School track coach, Dick Van Yperan, who saw for himself.

In the fall of 1989, Van Yperan took a one-year sabbatical to teach

letter from the Keinos asking if Bob could attend Ridgewood with Van Yperan as his guardian. Van Yperan agreed.

When Keino entered Ridgewood as a sophomore, he went out for cross-country. After training with physical maturing Keino placed 14th in the 1991 state cross-country meet. He also excelled in track last spring, running the 1,600 meters in 4:17.3 and the 3,200 meters in 9:23.5.

Keino's state victory in November was not his best performance of 1992. In December, he placed fourth in the Kinney High School cross-country championships in San Diego. As the top finisher who was not a senior, he would likely be the 1993 favorite.

Because the Kinney event does not fall under New Jersey rules, should Keino remain at Ridgewood under suspension, he could become a national champion without being eligible to run for his school.

### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

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## Mavericks Fire Coach, 2 Can-Do Players Return

*The Associated Press*

Richte Aduhato departed Wednesday, a day after Dominique Wilkins and Clyde Drexler returned.

Aduhato was fired as coach of the Dallas Mavericks, who have won only two of their 29 games this year and are on a 12-game losing streak.

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Streak. An assistant coach, Gar Heard, will head the team on an interim basis.

Wilkins played for Atlanta for the first time since Dec. 15, returning from a broken finger to score 23 points in a 126-118 victory over Golden State that snapped the Hawks' seven-game home losing streak.

"I really did not expect 'Nique to be able to come back and do what he did," said Atlanta's coach, Bob Weiss. "We don't win this one without Dominique. He drew double teams all night, but he scored."

Drexler, out since Dec. 22 with a sore right knee, had 17 points, nine assists and four steals in a 109-100 Portland victory that extended Denver's road losing streak to 10 games.

The Hawks were 0-5 at home and 4-7 overall in Wilkins' absence.

His 3-point shot with 2:24 remaining gave them a 111-105 lead over the Warriors, who have lost 10 straight games in Atlanta.

Golden State led by 18 points in the second quarter but by halftime the Hawks had closed to 70-62. They continued the rally with a 17-4 run late in the third period, and took a 91-89 lead into the final quarter.

Chris Mullin scored 26 points and Tim Hardaway had a season-high 18 assists for the losers. Stacey Augmon and Mookie Blaylock had 24 points apiece for the Hawks.

Celtics 121, Cavaliers 115: Forwards Kevin McHale and Xavier McDaniel scored 20 points each as Boston's reserves outscored Cleveland's by 67-18. The Celtics stayed unbeaten in 1993 by handing Cleveland only its fifth loss in 20 home games despite Brad Daugherty's season-high 37 points.

The Cavs, who lost for only the third time in 15 games, cut Boston's 10-point lead to 110-106 on a layup with 2:09 to play by Mark Price, who had 28 points and 11 assists.

On the Celtics' next possession, McDaniel beat the shot clock with a fadeaway jumper from the foul line, restoring a six-point margin. Daugherty made one of two foul shots before McDaniel drew a foul

and sank both free throws to make it 114-107. The Cavaliers then were forced to foul, and Boston sealed it by making 7 of 10 foul shots in the closing seconds.

Trail Blazers 109, Nuggets 100: Cliff Robinson led Portland with 19 points, while Reggie Williams scored 22 points and Dikembe Mutombo had a season-high 19 rebounds for Denver.

Drexler was activated before Tuesday's game, and had six points in the first three minutes of the fourth period to help Portland turn an 82-81 deficit into a five-point lead. His pass to Mario Elie for a layup made it 93-83 with 7:45 left.

SuperSonics 122, Suns 113: Seattle, with the best home record in the NBA, used balanced scoring to beat Phoenix, which has the league's best overall record.

Derrick McKey scored 24 points to lead four Sonics with 20 or more as they improved their record to 16-1 at home and 23-8 overall.

Charles Barkley scored 27 points for the Suns, but had only two in the fourth quarter, when he missed badly on two 3-point attempts. Barkley was 0-for-6 from 3-point range in the game.

Bulls 122, Magic 106: Horace Grant and Scottie Pippen took control of the first meeting between

Michael Jordan and rookie Shaquille O'Neal, leading Chicago to victory in Orlando, Florida.

Grant scored 26 points on 12-for-15 shooting and Pippen had 15 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists for the Bulls. O'Neal was 8-for-10 from the field, but his first shot was blocked by Jordan, who finished with 23 points.

Pacers 112, 76ers 93: Detlef Schrempf had 20 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists as Indiana ended Philadelphia's season-best three-game winning streak.

### Ultimatum From King

An angry Bernard King has demanded to be either activated from the injured list or released by the Washington Bullets. The Washington Post reported.

King missed the 1991-92 season after arthroscopic surgery on his right knee. He returned to the team on Jan. 1, passed his physical on Jan. 4 and since practiced twice, but the Bullets has not returned the four-time all-star to the roster.

"I've never seen a ballclub fault a ballplayer for returning from an injury," King said, adding that "if it is their decision to release me, then make that choice."

### SIDELINES

#### Reebok to Aid Russian Athletes

MOSCOW (AP) — Russian athletes got a sorely needed financial boost Wednesday when Reebok signed a multimillion-dollar agreement to sponsor them at the 1994 and 1996 Olympics.

The sportswear manufacturer initially wanted to sponsor only basketball, track and field, soccer, gymnastics, swimming and handball. But Russian officials insisted on expanding the number of sports to 20, including the Winter Olympics event of speed skating.

Reebok's vice president, John Boulter, did not disclose the terms of the contract but said "it is the biggest sponsorship contract in the world of sports today."

#### For the Record

The men's World Cup giant slalom next Tuesday at the Swiss resort of Adelboden and the Jan. 23-24 combined slalom and Lauberhorn downhill at Wengen were called off Wednesday because of poor snow. (Reuters)

Welsch yachtsman Alan Wynne Thomas radioed that he had broken or cracked rib during bad weather Wednesday off Cape Horn but was continuing in the Vendée around the world race. (AP)

Eric Moore, an offensive lineman for the New York Giants, and Mark Duckens, a defensive lineman for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, were indicted by a federal grand jury in Atlanta on two felony counts of possession with intent to distribute anabolic steroids. (AP)

The Canadian Football League voted to expand to the U.S. cities of Sacramento, California, and San Antonio, Texas. (AP)

Texas A&M said an internal inquiry had confirmed allegations that a prominent alumnus had paid four football players for work last summer that they didn't do. (AP)

James (Buddy) McGirt of the United States, despite a battering in the 12th round, retained his WBC welterweight title in New York with a 12-round unanimous decision over Genaro Leon of Mexico. (AP)

Juan Martin Coggi of Argentina won the WBA junior welterweight title from Morris East of the Philippines when the referee stopped the fight in Buenos Aires in the eighth round. (Reuters)

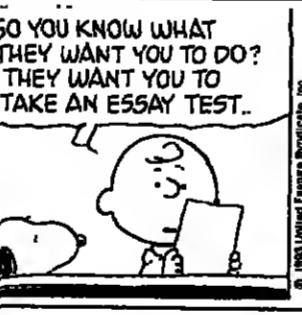
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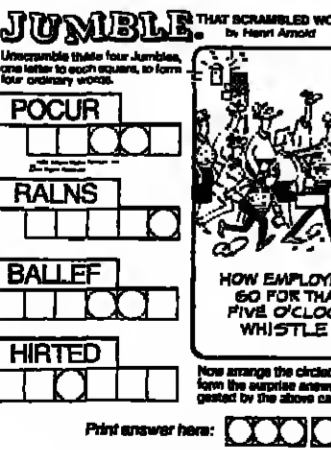
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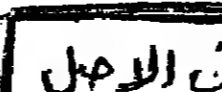


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NHL Star Lemieux Diagnosed as Having Hodgkin's Disease

Team Says Cancer, in Early Stages, Found In Surgery on Large Lymph Node on Neck



Mario Lemieux, right, with Jari Kurri at the NHL's 1990 All-Star Game in Pittsburgh, at which Lemieux scored four goals to tie a record set by Wayne Gretzky.

Flyers Lose Reinjured Lindros for Maybe a Month

PHILADELPHIA — Eric Lindros is sidelined again with a knee injury and, this time, the Philadelphia Flyers say, he will not play again until it is completely healed. Lindros, the 19-year-old rookie superstar who cost the Flyers more than \$30 million...

"With that in mind, it is recommended that he sit out the next three weeks to allow the knee to heal more completely, and hopefully, ensure that this situation does not arise again," said Dr. Arthur Bartolozzi. Blood was extracted from Lindros' knee on Sunday.

"Who knows whether it is a sound decision or not," he said. "What we do know is that Eric's threshold of pain is very high, and that can be dangerous." The Flyers' coach, Bill Dineen, said the rookie made the final decision on when he could return last month after getting the go-ahead from Bartolozzi.

Lindros has 21 goals and 16 assists, with five multiple-goal games. Gretzky Added to All-Star Team Center Wayne Gretzky, who missed the first 38 games of the season with the Los Angeles Kings because of a back injury, has been added to the Clarence Campbell Conference's all-star team as a special presidential appointee.

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Rule Baby Boomers!

WASHINGTON—My generation has been respectfully asked to step aside for the new breed of "baby boomers" who insist that they are ready to rule the world.



I didn't realize how serious they were about taking over until two boomers in their 40s came into my office and started to pack my papers in boxes. "Sorry, Dad," one of them said, "it's time to go."

"How can baby boomers run the country when they never learned to make their beds?" "You never taught us how to make our beds. When you came out of World War II you vowed that your children would never have to do anything to inconvenience them or cause them pain. You are the ones who told us that keeping a clean room was irrelevant to a healthy mind and a strong economy."

watch and music to listen to and you kept buying us automobiles to fool around in. We couldn't do it all.

"I don't care if you are in your 40s. I still don't think that you're ready to run the world." One of the baby boomers said, "You don't know what you're talking about. Baby boomers are now running IBM, General Motors, Westinghouse and some of the great S&Ls in the country. We made Drexel Burnham what it is today. Our footprints are everywhere—even on the airline industry. Give a baby boomer a degree from Harvard or Wharton and he'll put anyone in your age bracket to shame."

"Why can't I stay on as an adviser to the boomers and be a sort of grand old man of the printed word? You could seek my learned counsel when you screwed up, which you're certainly going to do."

"Sorry, Pop, but even a Playboy editorial said that it's time for you to go. If we make an exception for one old-timer, we'll have to make it for all, and boomers can't afford to be sentimental."

"Why not?" "Because your generation taught your children that winning was everything, and never to give anyone an even break."

"We did?" "Every man and woman for him or herself. That's what you drilled into our heads."

"We only did it to protect you. Baby boomers always seemed so vulnerable."

"Right. Now do you want to get in the wheelchair or should we carry you out?"

"I can still walk," I said bitterly. "I just pray that you people know what you're doing when you take over."

Canada's Third Language

OTTAWA — Chinese has replaced Italian as Canada's third most common language spoken at home, government census data revealed. During a five-year period, the use of French and English, Canada's official languages, at home declined in relation to population as immigration made other languages more popular.

Who Are These People? It's in the Courts

By Rone Tempest

Los Angeles Times Service

PARIS — Who could imagine the bitterness, the anguish, the looming courtroom drama—all because of a romantic smooch nearly 43 years ago on the streets of Paris? In the spring of 1950, the Parisian photographer Robert Doisneau took a picture of a young couple kissing as they walked along the sidewalk in front of the Paris city hall.



Robert Doisneau's 1950 picture of lovers in Paris: Were they paid models?

The black-and-white photograph, "Le Baiser de l'Hôtel de Ville," remained relatively obscure until 1986, when it was made into a poster, destined for the bedroom walls of love-struck college students the world around.

Part of the photograph's charm was its anonymity, the half-hidden faces of lovers as they embraced in a flow of solemn pedestrians. It was quintessential "young love" bobbing in a sea of indifference. It was Paris, city of light and love, at its romantic best. To Doisneau, a photographer famed for his '50s-era Paris street scenes, the kissing couple symbolized lovers everywhere.

So he was delighted when, beginning in 1988, men and women began stepping forward to claim that they were the lovers at the Hôtel de Ville.

"All these people who see themselves in the picture," Doisneau said in a recent interview with the Paris newspaper Le Monde, "I found it charming."

The photo has inspired a movie project by the British filmmaker Alan Parker and was featured in another film by the French director Claude Miller, "La Petite Voleuse." It also was the centerpiece of an advertising campaign by a French soft-drink company.

In six years, more than 410,000 copies of the poster featuring the photo, 80,000 postcards and 200 signed reprints (at a hefty price of \$4,000 each) were sold, making Doisneau a small fortune. Over the same period, his Paris photo agency, Rapho, received at least 20 letters and phone calls from people who were certain they were the kissers.

After seeing the photograph in a magazine, a Mexican man wrote Rapho: "Doisneau captured a romantic kiss I exchanged with my wife in the middle of the street."

And after the French magazine Télérama reprinted the photo on its cover in 1988, another man wrote, claiming the picture portrayed him and his lost lover, Françoise. This would-be kiss-off was attached a poem, which the magazine published, declaring his undying love for his old flame.

photo competition, the retired actress Françoise Borne, stepped into the frame. Borne, now 63, said she was fed up with all the attention showered on the Laveragnes and Doisneau.

The lovers pictured in the photograph, she insisted, were not the Laveragnes, but Borne and her lover at the time, a former actor named Jacques Cartaud. She said that she and Cartaud had been hired by Doisneau to pose for a sequence of photos on Rue de Rivoli in front of city hall.

Furthermore, Borne offered proof of her contention, claiming to have a signed and numbered print of the photograph given to her by Doisneau in 1950.

"If Monsieur Doisneau had not recognized the Laveragnes at the beginning when he knew the photograph was posed," Borne said in a recent telephone interview, "I wouldn't have said anything. But from the moment he stole my past and when people began saying it was someone else, I decided to step forward and be recognized."

The only problem with Borne's "stolen kiss" theory is that no one could find a trace of her supposed co-kisser, Jacques Cartaud. Borne says that she had not seen him since a few years after the famous kiss, when he was an extra in a movie she was making. The Laveragnes, meanwhile, defend their honor.

"We are very respectable people," said Denise Laveragne. "We are well-known in Vitry, coming from three generations of printers, well known for our honesty. Now we are being treated like impostors by Borne and other storytellers in the press. They say we are only interested in the money. That's a grave charge that injured the memory of our youth and the fact that we remain a happy couple. We can't treat people like that."

Doisneau in French courts. Borne has asked for the equivalent of \$20,000 in damages and a percentage of commercial profits. The Laveragnes have asked for \$100,000 and offered to provide expert testimony that they are the couple pictured.

A Paris court is expected to decide the issue in the coming months.

Recently, however, evidence seems to be mounting in favor of Borne.

Doisneau, who has never denied using models for some of his photos of Paris street life, has been quoted in recent articles—notably a Dec. 20 front-page story in Le Monde—as saying that he believes it was Borne in the picture. Moreover, the directors of the Rapho photo agency say that they have found several other photographs of the same couple, never completely identifiable, taken in other Paris locations.

The latest development tilting in Borne's favor was the reappearance of Cartaud, the rakish actor she claims was her partner in the famous kiss.

Cartaud, 65, twice divorced, now lives with a woman in the south of France on a small, wooded farm where he grows grapes. "I have the luck to live in a country house without television or newspapers," he said, explaining his late appearance in the controversy.

A Date at the Palace For Japanese Couple

Crown Prince Naruhito and his fiancée, Masako Owada, saw each other Wednesday for the first time since Dec. 25, when the prince introduced her to his parents, Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko. Owada was whisked by limousine to Akasaka Palace for an afternoon with the prince—and away from the swarm of reporters and photographers constantly staked out at her home.

The vitriolic Woody Allen-Mia Farrow custody squabble has turned even uglier. Farrow's lawyer said that in 1990 or 1991, the couple's adopted daughter, Dylan, now 7, saw Allen having sex with Soon-Yi Farrow Previn, now 22. Farrow's adopted daughter. The lawyer, Eleanor Alter, also said in court that Allen had pushed Dylan's face into a plate of hot spaghetti and told her to eat it. Allen and Farrow are to take the stand at a Jan. 26 hearing.

Michael Jackson's lawyer disputed reports that the singer demanded that a white child portray him in a commercial. The New York Post reported that Jackson had picked the child to play him as a youngster for fear that a black child would call attention to Jackson's extensive cosmetic surgery.

Madonna's leather-and-chains mode of dress—and undress—has won her the top spot on Mr. Blackwell's list of "Worst-Dressed Women of 1992" and his scorn as a "bare-bottomed bore of Babylon." The fashion maven gave second place to the actress Geena Davis and third to Glenn Close, or as Mr. Blackwell said, "Dracula's daughter strikes again."

The Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York was filled to bursting with people paying tribute to Dizzy Gillespie, jazz trumpeter, band leader and innovator who died last week at the age of 75. The celebration featured testimonials from friends and fans.

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WEATHER

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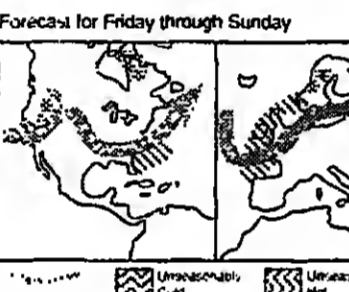


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Table with weather forecasts for Africa, including high/low temperatures and precipitation chances for cities like Cape Town, Lagos, and Johannesburg.

Table with weather forecasts for Latin America, including high/low temperatures and precipitation chances for cities like Mexico City, Lima, and Santiago.

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BOOKS

ON THE SKY'S CLAYEY BOTTOM: Sketches and Happenings from the Years of Silence. By Zdenek Urbánek. Translated by William Harkins. 232 pages. \$17.95. Four Walls Eight Windows.

TRUCK STOP RAINBOWS. By Iva Pekarkova. Translated by David Powelstock. 279 pages. \$22. Farrar, Straus & Giroux.

words carry double messages in these tales from the underground. Ordinary phrases appearing in several of the stories are freighted with warnings, like a statement coming from "the People's Committee" or "what the regime wants."

Pekarkova's first-person narrator is a 25-year-old woman who, now and then, finds time to drop into her college classes. To escape the drab housing complex where she lives, she spends most of her time hitchhiking and picking up long-distance truck drivers. She differs from the professional prostitutes working the highways, accepting gifts of Marlboros and cosmetics rather than money for her casual affairs.

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